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SAD 44 asks Newry to vote on halting withdrawal effort

BY AMY WIGHT
CHAPMAN

Acting on a recommendation from its subcommittee on Newry withdrawal, and contingent on Newry selectmen providing an opportunity for the town's voters to terminate the withdrawal process, the SAD-44 School Board voted Monday to initiate a statutory cost-sharing formula amendment process.

Speaking at the start of the meeting, Newry Selectman Jim Largess urged the board to vote "yes" on the recommendation.

He said he had heard the Newry withdrawal process described as "a tug-of-war that's going on

where."

"In an effort to at least have the conversation start, I would like to see us talk about the funding formula," he said.

In 2005, Maine changed its statewide school funding formula, which had previously relied solely on each town's property valuation, to take into account both property valuation and student population.

At that time, an exception was made for SAD 44, leaving the formula solely reliant on property valuation in the district towns, based on the contention that adopting the new formula would adversely impact educa-

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School Board votes to buy trails land

BY AMY WIGHT
CHAPMAN

If district voters approve, SAD 44 will soon own an additional 36.9 acres of land abutting the northerly edge of the Telstar property.

At Monday's meeting, the School Board authorized Superintendent David Murphy to sign a purchase and sale agreement providing for the purchase of the parcel, currently owned by the Conifer Corporation, for the sum of \$76,000.

The authorization is subject to approval by voters, and also to a title search with satisfactory results.

The School Board sched-

uled a public vote for Monday, Feb. 22, at a special district-budget meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at Crescent Park School, prior to their regular February board meeting.

In addition to the 36.9 acres of land covered by the purchase and sale agreement, Murphy said there is an additional one acre of property that the Conifer Corp. is currently offering for sale to residents of the Bailey Road whose property abuts the one-acre parcel.

Should those abutters decline the offer, he said, Co-

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Bethel sewer rates proposal flushed; selectmen back to drawing board

BY ALISON ALOISIO

After hearing Monday from unhappy single family homeowners, as well as Gould Academy and the Bethel Inn, Bethel selectmen voted down a proposal to change the sewer rate structure.

Instead, the sewer rates committee, with added volunteers Dutch Dresser, Scott Cole and Jerry Bell, have until April to gather more information and come up with something better to address the rising sewer budget.

Meanwhile, the next sewer bills that go out (in April) will be based on a format approved by Town Meeting

voters in 2012. That means the owners of 140 units (including some older multi-unit buildings) that were added to the rolls then will see a resumption of higher bills, following the ending Dec. 31 of a six-month suspension of the higher rates.

About 30 people turned out for Monday's public hearing on the proposed rate change. The plan would have upped bills by lowering the minimum usage before per-cubic-foot charges were assessed, and also by increasing those cubic foot charges.

But several people said the

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The Town Meeting Tree



The tree known as the Town Meeting Elm stood near the Sanborn River in Greenwood, at the home of Simeon Sanborn on the original county road (now the Willis Mills Road). The town's early settlers gathered here in 1813 to establish a plantation government. The elm tree survived into the 1950s and fell sometime in the 1980s.

Greenwood Historical Society

Greenwood to kick off 200th celebration

BY AMY WIGHT
CHAPMAN

The Town of Greenwood kicks off its 2016 Bicentennial celebration with an invitation to the public to join town officials, employees, and members of the Bicentennial Committee for a birthday party on the 200th anniversary of the signing of the town's incorporation papers.

The celebration, complete with cake and ice cream, will take place at the next regular meeting

of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, February 2 at 5 p.m. at the Town Office on the Gore Road.

The first settlers of what is now Greenwood created a rough outpost in the area of Patch Mountain in the early days of the 19th century. By 1805, there were 13 families, most living in the neighborhood that became known as Greenwood City.

According to Greenwood Historical Society President Blaine Mills, the settlers of the region,

which was then known as Township No. 4, gathered at the home of Simeon Sanborn on May 8, 1813 to organize under a plantation government.

Sanborn was the builder and operator of Greenwood's first mills, located on the Sanborn River, in the area that became known as Greenwood City. His mills produced the boards and shingles from which the town's first frame houses were constructed, and ground the corn grown by the early settlers.

The plantation form of government remained in place for about three years. On September 21, 1815, the citizens voted to incorporate as a township.

Following this last meeting of the plantation, a courier was dispatched to the General Court of Massachusetts with a request for incorporation as the Township of Russia. (The District of Maine remained a part of the Province of

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Greenwood plans special Town Meeting

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen plan to schedule a special Town Meeting in mid-February to vote on a \$750,000 road bond for which the town has received bank approval.

The roads proposed for

improvements include Hayes Hill, Richardson Hollow and Patch Mountain, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

Sparks said at the board meeting last week that if the warrant article specifies the particular roads, the money can only be

used for them. If it is worded more generally, the town would have more flexibility, if needed.

Selectmen also agreed to propose a change in the fine for buildings that do not have an approved 911 address sign displayed. The current fine can

range from \$250 to \$2,500, and is based on state law. They propose to change it to a range of \$25 to \$250, similar to what the Town of Paris does.

The board expects to decide on the meeting date at their next regular meeting Feb. 2.

Greenwood mulls ordinance change to benefit mill

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood officials decided last week to recommend a town vote on whether to amend the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to lessen the distance an industrial site must be from the Alder River from 75 to 25 feet.

Such a move would allow the Saunders Brothers Mill to rebuild part of the mill that collapsed under snow

two years ago.

Mill owner Louise Jonaitis met with Planning Board members, two selectmen, Town Manager Kim Sparks and planner John Maloney of the Androscoggin Valley of Governments to discuss options she has for the future.

The mill is less than 75 feet from the river, but had been grandfathered to operate because it predated the ordinance.

But because Jonaitis did not apply for a permit to rebuild the collapsed portion within an allowed time-frame, she was told by the officials her options for the concrete slab that remains in that section would be limited.

Maloney questioned why the 75 foot provision was in the ordinance, noting most towns use 25 feet for general development districts that include industrial sites.

Selectman Fred Henderson suggested changing it. The town last year voted to set up tax increment financing districts to promote economic development areas that include the village, where the mill is.

"It looks like it would be of value to the town to change it from 75 feet to 25 feet," he

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Letters

BASKET BINGO THANKS

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (WPTA) would like to recognize the sponsors of their Basket Bingo which was held on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall.

Thank you to the following businesses; Brooks Brothers, Bryan Kellogg Trucking, Flanders Electric, Four Seasons Rentals, Nicols Brothers Logging, Rustic Grille and Tavern, Teresa's Hair Studio, The Local Hub, We've Got the Look, and Wilson Excavation of Lovell.

Thank you to the following individuals; Jackson Silver Post and members, Carolyn Guilford, Cindy Bobbe, Jamie Hastings, Jessica Wilkey, Karen Bennett, Karen Marshall, Mary Everett, Stephanie Inman, Tanya Nicols, The Marshall Family, Families of Woodstock Elementary School, and the Woodstock Elementary School Staff.

Jamie Hastings
President, WES PTA

VETERANS' PARK IDEAS SOUGHT

To the Editor:

On Dec. 9, 2015, 11 veterans and non-veterans met at the office of Bob Chadbourne to restart, after a two year delay, the Veteran's Monument Project and Park. The Project will be located on the Dunn Lot which is also the site of the Civil War Monument.

The committee would like to encourage any and all students and adults of any age to submit their ideas of what they would like to see for a Veteran's Park. This would be a great opportunity for art classes, graphic design classes and history classes of the area schools to submit ideas.

This property must solely be used as a Veterans' Monument and Park to honor veterans. The deed states from the owner the following language: "The above parcel shall be used for the sole purpose of constructing a veterans' monument and park to honor veterans. If the Grantee, its successors or assigns, should convey or burden said parcel for any other purpose than a veterans' monument park, the property shall revert to the then-living heirs of the Grantor."

A criterion for anyone submitting any ideas is that there will be a lit flagpole at this park. There will be electricity and water to the site. Otherwise, we encourage any and all ideas. The committee will compile all ideas and make decisions based on what they have received. The committee will have the right to accept or reject any or all portions of ideas that are submitted.

The plot plan pictured shows you the lot and where the park will be. We encourage anyone to visit the site to get an idea of the size of what the Committee will be working with.

All ideas can be submitted by mail to Jane A. Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, Maine 04217 or you can e-mail them to: carjar95@megalink.net or jane.ryerson@yahoo.com. The deadline for submissions should be on or before March 31, 2016. We hope to see a lot of great ideas.

We are also still trying to gather names from anyone who has served their country during peacetime or conflict any time after the Viet Nam war, from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton, Mason and Riley Plantation. Those names can also be submitted to the addresses listed above. If you wonder if you are included on our names we have already received, do not hesitate to get in touch at the above addresses.

Jane Ryerson
Bethel

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Massachusetts Bay until 1820.)

The incorporation papers were signed and dated February 2, 1816, and it was not until the courier had returned home with them that it was discovered that the township had been given the name of Greenwood, rather than Russia.

"The court gave no explanation for the name change," wrote Mills. "It has been speculated that the officials of the Commonwealth named the

town in honor of Alexander Greenwood, a prominent surveyor from Hebron, although most of the township had been surveyed not by Greenwood, but by Lothrop Lewis."

The town's Bicentennial Committee has been at work for more than a year, planning a full slate of activities to include a parade, music, demonstrations, and exhibits, for the weekend of August 12-14 to celebrate Greenwood's 200th birthday.

ROTARY UPCOMING EVENTS

To the Editor:

Now that the holidays are behind us, the Rotary Club of Bethel is busy planning for our upcoming spring and summer activities! Before we promote what is yet to come, it is important to take stock of the important projects that our club members made possible in the last couple of months!

Perhaps our most high profile event during the holidays is the Christmas for Children Program. Many of you have seen Rotarians "ringing the bell" in front of the Bethel Foodliner. People from near and far have been very generous and it's a great way to give visibility to the program. The majority of donations come through the mail, as the Christmas for Children Committee generates letters requesting donations to the general public and past donors. The Sunday River Charitable Fund provided a grant of \$4,000 for which we are most grateful and the Walmart Foundation provided a grant of \$1,000. In all, nearly \$16,000 was raised which provided gift certificates to 88 area families, serving 185 children. The Rotary Club of Bethel thanks all the donors for making this program possible for more than the past twenty eight years! Special thanks to Rotarians Michele Cole, Bruce Powell, Pat Roma and David Murphy, as well as SAD 44 secretary Nancy Robertson.

Rotarians enjoyed a rollicking good time with the area "seniors" at the annual holiday luncheon held in their honor at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall the second Tuesday of December. The student participation made it especially enriching for all concerned - as the Telstar Interact Club helped with serving and clean-up and members of the Telstar Band entertained us with their holiday music. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2016 at noon and plan to be at this wonderful (and delicious) lunch. Thanks to Dave and Heather Nivus - and their crew at the Good Food Store for prepping and cooking the complete ham dinner. Yum!

Thanks are also extended to everyone who turned out for our bi-annual Country Breakfast, held at Gould Academy the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Much appreciation is extended to the staff of Gould Academy Foodservice and to the administration of Gould for allowing Rotary to use this beautiful facility twice a year!

Coming up! Mark your calendars for our annual Wine & Beer Tasting Event to be held Saturday evening, March 5 at the Sunday River Inn. Ticket prices and details will be forthcoming! It is always a great time with the food being catered by the Good Food Store - as well as a variety of delicious adult beverages.

On Saturday, May 14, Rotary will be holding our Inaugural May Day 5K & More at Crescent Park School. This event will be a great opportunity to come together to both have fun and get a bit of exercise. There will be both competitive races and non-competitive fun walks/runs for families and racers alike. Club President Dr. Kevin Finley is passionate about this event - so be sure to talk to him about your interest when you bump into him!

Our Rotary Club here in Bethel is small but mighty, and our motto is "Service Above Self." Thank you to all who help to enrich our service!

Robin Zinchuk, Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Bethel

Notes from the State House

BY REP. FRAN HEAD

I'm writing this week to update my constituents on the two most important votes I have taken this year.

Just last week, I voted in favor of reauthorizing the Lands for Maine's Future bonds. I often say that I represent one of the most beautiful districts in all of Maine, from Lovell to Eustis - which serves as a reminder of the obligation we as lawmakers have to protect our natural environment. I voted to ensure that the remaining \$6.5 million LMF bonds can now be sold by the Maine State Treasurer later on this year.

I would like to thank each and every one of my constituents who reached out to me to share why you care about the LMF programs throughout our state. Reauthorization of these bonds will allow for nonprofit organizations to continue demonstrating good stewardship of our environment. These volunteers, like the folks at Mahoosuc Pathways, are leading by example in this regard, and the Legislature shouldn't stand in their way. I was pleased to support LD 1454, "Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for Land Conservation Projects." This was one of the most important steps that we could take in order to show our strong support for the future of conservation in Maine.

I also voted in support of the 3.7 million dollar drug bill, which will increase the resources available for Mainers battling drug addiction. As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I had the opportunity to review public testimony from those in the prevention, treatment and enforcement communities who see firsthand the importance of addressing the drug crisis in Maine.

During the public testimony, I heard stories of parents who wish they could have done more to prevent the loss of a child. I also heard from Mainers in recovery who are struggling to find support services. One of the most troubling elements of the drug crisis is how more and more babies are born every day that are addicted to narcotics.

We have a long way to go in fighting back against the drug traffickers, which is why the Legislature just approved funding for 10 additional agents to join the Maine Drug Enforcement. In the 1990s we were facing a similar crisis with cocaine, and we had 68 drug agents intercepting the supply. Right now, we only have 39 drug agents with 10 more on the way. Personally, I question whether 10 more agents are really enough.

In the months ahead, there will be additional legislative proposals brought to us addressing the drug crisis, and I am looking forward to reviewing them as fast as possible.

From the Newry Deputy Town Clerk's Desk

BY KELLY SCOTT

We have had a great first month with our new Administrator, Amy Bernard. She is getting up-to-date on the initiatives and happenings around town. She has jumped right in on preparing the budget and is working on several different projects in preparation for the annual town meeting.

There has been lots of time devoted to roads at the recent Selectmen meetings, specifically the reconstruction of the Sunday River road. Town officials have talked about a few different scenarios of what portion(s) of the road should be fixed, timeline of the construction, possible engineering and how to fund it. We are currently waiting for our audit work to be completed so that we know what remains in capital reserves to see where we sit financially. At that point, we should be able to have a better view of how we can fund the road repairs. We anticipate having a few different options for the voters at town meeting to decide upon.

Monday, Jan. 25 was the deadline to return nomination papers. It looks like we are going to have two uncontested races for School Board director and Selectman. Gary Wight will be running for re-election as Selectmen and Whitney Gray for school board. The first part of town meeting will be the secret ballot election will be held on Monday, March 7th and open town meeting will be Tuesday, March 8th. Polling hours and time of open town meeting will be decided at the next Selectmen's meeting. Absentee ballots will be available on Thursday, February 4th.

If you haven't registered your dog(s) yet, today will be the last day you may do so before we have to impose the \$25 late fee starting on Monday, Feb. 1. If you can't make it in to the office, please call us, we can verify if we need documentation of rabies vaccination, we could arrange for you to send us the payment and we can mail you the tags. We really dislike having to charge the late fee, but it is a state fee and is not negotiable.

If you still haven't paid your 2015 taxes, they are accumulating interest daily. Unpaid taxes for 2015 will go to lien this May. We currently have 203 unpaid accounts for this tax year. You can pay your taxes at our website www.newrymaine.org and click on the AndroPay link.

The Selectmen will be holding their regularly scheduled meetings on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. The town office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

Here's your historical tidbit from the Newry Archives: From the March 2, 1885 town meeting warrant: Wages for the following offices: J.S. Brown, Town bookkeeper \$6.00, J.B. Littlehale 1st Selectman \$22.00, W.B. Wight 2nd Selectman \$14.25, N. Trask 3rd Selectman \$10.50, N.S. Baker Supervisor of Schools \$18.00, J.B. Smith "Breaking Roads" \$6.75 and L.W. Killgore "Warning town meetings" \$2.25.

Until next time....stay informed, ask questions and get involved!

Mill

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said. "Reconsider and call it a mistake that shouldn't have happened. It would be a benefit for everyone."

Some officials at the meeting said they thought the 75 foot distance was approved by residents at a time when some were concerned about potential for a particular development.

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said the town will need to vote on new Shoreland Zoning mandates from the state at an upcoming Town Meeting, and could consider the ordinance change then.

Jonaitis did not say what

she hopes to do with the mill.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said the town assessing agent had dropped the overall valuation of the mill from \$336,000 to \$318,000 to adjust for the collapsed portion.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Unseasonably warm weather weakened the ice on area ponds and lakes.

The fourth season of the Bethel Youth Basketball program was underway at Crescent Park School.

Deaths: Guy Swan, Ryan J. Guay, Thomas E. Davis, Donald R. O'Leary.

20 years ago: A crew from ESPN was filming a half-hour show on dogsledding and winter camping in the Crocker Pond area.

Janel Ippolito was named to the Maine Alpine Racing Association's 1995-96 Maine State Team.

Deaths: Ernest P. Thayer, Harold Robert Elliott, Alton F. Rich.

30 years ago: Heavy rain, warm temperatures, and the release of water from upstream dams caused flooding in the Bethel area that was deemed the worst in 50 years by some residents.

Over 100 family and friends gathered at the Jackson-Silver Post American Legion Hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Birth: Courtney Diana Culbert.

Deaths: Edgar F. Grover, Minnie Irene Wilson, Lyndell E. Farr, David Smith, Sr.

40 years ago: There was no school for students at Telstar Regional High School Jan. 19 or 20, due to problems with the heating system.

Sunday River Ski Touring Center was offering night skiing every Friday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Birth: David Pratt IV.

Deaths: Mrs. Elizabeth N. Everett, Warren E. Lapham, Miss Esther J. Tyler.

50 years ago: The CPS basketball team defeated the West Paris Junior High team by a score of 47 to 41. High scores were: Danny Vogt, 12 points; Wayne Davis, 9; and Doug Farrar, 8.

Linda Gilbert, Linda Buck, Deborah Royer, Elaine Conner, Lisa Farrar, Dean Walker, Craig Walker, Bobby Tiff, and Jeff Twitchell appeared on Youth Cavalcade.

Birth: Eric Raymond Wyman.

Deaths: Leon Valentine Walker, Robert David Coolidge, Alfred Joseph Mercier.

60 years ago: The first series of polio vaccine was received by 451 students of the Primary and Crescent Park schools of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Merrill were tendered a housewarming party at their new home on Robertson Hill.

Deaths: Archie N. Edgerly, Franklin A. Keniston, Cecil R. Kimball, Stephen Muskie.

70 years ago: Oxford County farmers voted for a soil conservation district. The official ballot was 273 in favor and 4 opposed.

Mrs. Addison Saunders and children moved from Mexico to their new home on Main Street.

Deaths: Henry Z. Perkins, Vivian Brown.

80 years ago: The Bethel school bus driven by Frank Flint collided with the town plow truck outfit in the curve between the residence of Paul Thurston and E.E. Bennett.

F.P. Flint went to Boston to attend the Sportsmen's Show. He also planned to attend the shows at Hartford and New York.

Deaths: Mrs. Sarah E. Espey, Mrs. Alice C. Farrington, Jeanette Glines.

90 years ago: The building on Main Street occupied by C.K. Fox general store (later Brown's Variety store) was sold to H.I. Bean.

Extensive repairs were being made to Brooks' store.

Bion Swan purchased the Godwin farm on the Sunday River road.

120 years ago: The "Rialto" was opened for a season of roller skating, also for bicycle riding Saturday afternoons. It was one of the largest floors in the state adapted for such purposes - 18 laps to the mile.

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Woodstock, Greenwood, Andover apply for reval grant

BY SUN MEDIA STAFF

Woodstock, Greenwood and Andover have applied for a state grant to help pay for a revaluation.

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said that Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield had read about the grant funds in a Maine Municipal Association Publication.

Eligible projects are those that benefit two or more towns, Maxfield said last week.

Maxfield said the grant, which is offered through the Maine Department of Administration and Financial Services, is given to "any project that would benefit two or more towns, and lower property taxes over a five-year period."

"The total cost of money that we're applying for is \$288,000," he said. "Around \$80,000 would go to Woodstock, \$70,000 goes to Greenwood, and the rest would cover Andover."

Maxfield said that the application would cover all three towns.

Woodstock and Greenwood had tentatively planned to do a revaluation at the same time in 2017 anyway, in order to try to trim costs by using the same agent.

Greenwood last did a revaluation in 2007, Sparks said when selectmen discussed the idea in October. The cost was \$75,000. The state recommends revaluations be done every 10 years.

The plan would be for each town to raise half of its share over the next two Town Meetings, to be ready for 2017, she said then.

Sparks said the combined timing would save money because, for instance, there would be fewer trips for the assessing agent, and because meetings with property owners who have questions could be scheduled at the same time and place.

A proposed contract for the work would have to be approved at Town Meetings, Sparks said.

Woodstock's last revaluation was done in 2004.

Andover has been putting aside money for a revaluation for several years, and has not done a revaluation in more than two decades, according to town officials.

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nifer Corp. is considering gifting it to the school district.

The board's vote this week included authorization to accept the gift of the one-acre parcel on behalf of the district, if it is offered.

Following a November School Board meeting at which the board authorized the superintendent to pursue the land purchase, Murphy said that Athletic Activities Coordinator Gail Wight estimated that approximately a third of the district's existing cross country trails are located on the 36.9-acre parcel.

He noted that the land purchase is intended solely to enable the district to continue to use the property for athletic trails and that the parcel had not been researched for potential development uses.

The property is subject to an easement and right of way, currently used by Chadbourne Tree Farms to access a large acreage owned by that company. The easement allows both the property owner and the grantee to perform maintenance on the area of the right of way as they see fit.

Murphy said he had been advised by the district's attorney, William Stockmeyer, that the School Board should consider the value of the property only as it relates to current and future use as part of the Telstar campus, and should recognize that, due to potential easement issues, any other use, such as selling or developing the parcel, would be subject to town ordinances and would require the completion of additional legal work.

Woodstock Director Marcel Polak supported the purchase of the additional acreage for its recreational value.

He compared the purchase price of the property to the upcoming expense of \$100,000 or more expected to be incurred to replace playground equipment at the district's two elementary schools.

"Land does not depreciate," he said.

He reminded the board that district policy on outdoor grounds and facilities provides for their use by the public when they are not scheduled for use by the schools, making the land purchase one that benefits the entire community.

Newry selectmen ready fiscal year change proposal

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen last Tuesday decided to ask residents for an "advisory vote" at the annual Town Meeting in March on whether or not to change from a calendar year budget schedule to a fiscal year one.

The board has the authority to make the change itself, but members wish to ask for input from voters.

If the change were to be made, the municipal budget year would begin on July 1 each year and run through June 30 of the following year.

lowing year.

Selectmen said they are considering it because of a problem with cash flow each year between April and June, before taxes are committed based on state valuation figures.

The town could also move its annual Town Meeting to May or June, although Town Administrator Amy Bernard said it was not required. Keeping the meeting in March would mean town officials would not have a projected mill rate at Town Meeting - but they don't now, she said.

A disadvantage of the change, said Bernard, is that some other towns that have gone that route "will cut the municipal budget to pay for the school," which runs on a fiscal year schedule.

A one-time disadvantage would be the changeover period. Bernard said the clearest path is to first approve a six-month budget in March, then a one-year budget close to the start of the fiscal year.

Sunday River Road
On another issue for Town Meeting, at last week's

meeting selectmen decided to propose that recommended road improvements on the Sunday River Road be done as all one project, rather than by sections over several years. To fund the project, they also plan to put before voters a bank loan proposal of approximately \$850,000.

Bernard said current interest rates for loans range between 2.96 and 3.24 percent for 5 to 7-year loans.

"We'll put it on the table and explain the options," said Selectman Jim Lar-gess.

Bethel #2 in Yankee's "10 Best Winter Towns"

In the January/February issue of Yankee Magazine, the editors chose the "10 Best Winter Towns" in New England, according to a press release. Bethel was among them, at #2. Yankee's cover story features the best destinations in New England, where the warmth can be found "both outside and indoors."

In choosing the top picks, travel expert Steve Jer-manok considered scenery, cold weather recreation, village charm, cultural attractions, lodging, nightlife and accessibility, according to the release. The top three towns, in order, were Stowe, Vt., Bethel and Jackson, N.H.

Bethel was recognized for Mount Abram, the Bethel

Inn, and White Mountain National Forest for snow-mobilers, among other locales, according to the release.

In addition to Bethel, ski towns Rangeley and Camden in Maine were also among the winners at 7th and 8th places, respectively.

According to the editors, "The finest ski areas aren't necessarily the finest ski towns." The towns were chosen based on a combination of criteria such as scenery, village charm, cultural attractions, and variety of lodging.

Yankee Magazine, founded in 1935, is based in Dublin, N.H.

Sewer

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About 30 people attended Monday's public hearing on a proposed change to the sewer rate structure.



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information on which the changes were based was not complete enough.

Beil, an actuary, said that the average residential usage of 900 cubic feet per quarter reported by the town "is skewed downward because we have a lot of seasonal homes that for two or three quarters of the year don't use anything."

The numbers used by the town, he said, "are not right. That's what happens when you deal with averages. You paint with too broad a brush."

Cole and Dresser made similar points, adding that the committee that came up with the proposal had done a good job, but did not have a good foundation of information from which to work.

Large users

Under the proposal's increase of \$0.04 per cubic foot of water used over the minimum volume, and a lower minimum level, Gould Academy would have seen an increase of \$30,165 a year

and the Bethel Inn \$21,550.

Gould Head of School Matt Ruby said, "We plan our operating costs, capital expenditures - \$30,000 for us is a ton of money, in terms of financial aid, operations, employment. And so we would just ask that there be some consideration for businesses that are doing their planning and want to remain competitive, and do good things for Bethel. If there could be a phase-in - that's a lot of money."

Bethel Inn General Manager Allen Connors also objected to a projected increase in his business' bill. "It's too much to ask in one year," he said.

Some at the hearing said the amount of individual increases in a year should be no more than the 22 percent increase in the sewer budget.

As for single family homeowners, ratepayer Al Cressy said the board should consider the impact on older residents, citing statistics that 45 percent of

Bethel residents are over 55.

Cressy and others said the board should keep the current structure for now, and raise the cubic foot charge in the short term in order to pay the bills, then come up with a new structure.

Ratepayer Rick Whitney told selectmen he thinks users should be able to opt out of being hooked up to the sewer system, if they prefer to have a septic system instead.

Selectmen also received letters from users complaining about the plan. A condo owner argued he should not pay for the long periods of time his unit is not used, while a homeowner wrote, "many of the people that use apartments or condos are from out of state and it is a second home or apartment for them. The local homeowners on the Bethel sewer system should not have to subsidize their

rental expenses."

Selectman Don Bennett, in making the motion to dispense with the proposal, said the town must use the system already in place in code for now, and go back and get answers to the many questions and issues. He noted that new water meters now in place are gathering some more information for the town.

The board gave the committee until April 11 to come up with a new proposal.

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SAD 44

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The SAD 44 School Board votes to initiate a statutory cost-sharing formula amendment process, contingent on Newry selectmen providing an opportunity for the town's voters to terminate the withdrawal process. A. Wight Chapman

tion in the district.

"Since that happened, in Newry there has been a sense that we have no say," Largess said. "That bothers a lot of folks."

Both the board and Newry have spent a great deal of time and energy on the withdrawal process, he said, "but none of it is about making education better."

"What is the fair way to allocate the funds that we have?" he asked, adding that the entire district is fortunate to have second-homeowners who help to support education in SAD 44.

"Please consider letting Newry, and all of us, have a seat at the table to talk about the funding formula, and is it fair, or is there a better way to do it?"

Citing the inability of the School Board's subcommittee and the Newry Withdrawal Committee to reach an agreement on withdrawal that would not adversely impact education for all of the district's students, Woodstock Director Marcel Polak told the board, "What we're really concerned about is that this issue continues to fester, because there is no way to really create closure."

"Newry has a statutory right to initiate withdrawal. We are obligated as a district to respond," he said. "We are not obligated to agree to an offer that we believe, very much at our core, is going to negatively impact our district to the level that it will."

"We're at a stalemate, and this process can be repeated ad infinitum, as long as the Newry voters agree to spend more money and energy on it."

Polak said he estimated that the two sides have spent a total of \$100,000 on the withdrawal issue to date.

"I feel horrible that we could have spent \$100,000 on scholarships, or anything that would benefit our students, and instead this is what we spent \$100,000 on," he said.

He pointed out that Newry's population makes up just 6.5 percent of the district total.

If the board were to have presented a withdrawal agreement to those voters, he said, "then 93.5 percent of the total voters in the district population would not have had a chance to vote" on an issue that would result in an enormous tax shift to their towns.

ONE PROCESS AT A TIME

About a year ago, the School Board twice tabled, and ultimately voted to take no action on, a similar proposal to create a committee to study the cost-sharing formula while the town continued to explore withdrawal.

Polak said he had opposed creating the committee at that time.

"If we were to go through the whole process of the four-town committee, and folks in Newry were not pleased with [the result], they could, during the regular withdrawal process, undermine and negate it. That is why we did not want both of these going on at the same time."

He said the subcommittee is not asking the board to wait for a positive vote at Newry's Town Meeting to end the withdrawal effort before creating the fund-

ing formula committee, but only until selectmen move to place the issue before voters.

Newry selectmen are expected to discuss the issue at their Feb. 2 meeting.

FORMULA STEPS

Polak said the funding formula committee would consist of three members from each of the four district towns, one of whom would be a School Board member, selected by the town's School Board directors. The other two representatives would be members at large appointed by the town.

The committee would then hire a facilitator, to be paid for by the district.

In November of 2014, when the School Board previously considered creating a committee to study the funding formula, Murphy was asked about the cost of a facilitator. He said that would depend on the number of meetings that were required in order for the committee to come to an agreement.

At that time, Murphy said he estimated that a facilitator's hourly rate would be between \$75 and \$100, and offered a total cost of \$5,000 as a rough guess.

He added that it could be less, or it could be much more, if the process was lengthy or if a mediator was also required, and acknowledged, "I'm picking numbers out of the air."

Said Polak, "Right now, all we know is that we're in a legal stalemate. We have been told, very frankly, that the only next step is for Newry to go to court."

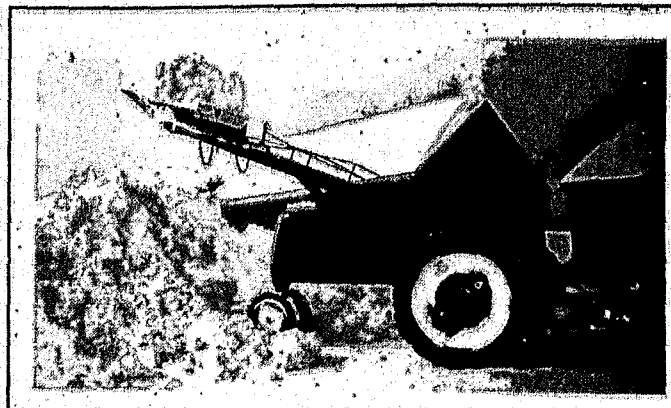
Although he said the subcommittee had been told by their attorney that the legislature and the courts have not ruled in towns' favor in similar situations, "we're trying to figure out a way forward that gives everybody a chance to vote."

"I am not for withdrawal, I am for education," said Newry Director Bonnie Largess. However, she said she thought studying a possible change to the funding formula would allow Newry residents to feel that they are a part of the conversation and have representation in the district.

Greenwood Director Larry Merlino cautioned the board to be aware that the funding formula committee process will be lengthy. "It is probably going to take a year," he said.

"I feel like this is a great solution, and I would support this," said Whitney Gray of Newry. "If it takes a long time, it should take a long time. It is a huge decision that impacts our community, and the kids in our community, and the education that we provide. I think it's just being mindful of the entire district and all of the family that makes up SAD 44."

After about 15 minutes of discussion, the board voted unanimously to initiate the process to amend the cost-sharing formula once the Newry selectmen initiate a warrant article to allow voters to decide on terminating the withdrawal effort.



Tractor and hydraulically lifted shovel used by Harold Bennett to load snow into Bethel town trucks in 1946.



Bennett Automotive Company's new construction at their Walkers Mill Road service facility.

Bethel

By Donald G. Bennett



Bennett Automotive Expanding Service Facilities

Dwayne Bennett's

Bennett Automotive is expanding its automotive service area with an 86 x 46 foot addition that will connect with an enlargement of the existing service building. The new building will enable servicing larger vehicles. Just think: Dwayne's business used to occupy the current NABOS building which in turn was once known as Pete Chapin's garage and service station. Heath Builders also of Bethel is doing the work.

Bethel is Not Alone: Other Towns Report Sewer Rate Problems

Hampden (near Bangor) made this week's news due to the town's problems paying for its operating costs and capital expenses. The report I saw said that Hampden's town manager could see their average rate payers being hit with bills going up \$200 to \$250 a year.

Other news

Gas price at Irving dropped down to \$1.89 a gallon. The Gem Theater sign says No Movies We're Renovating This Weekend. Sunday I got a sneak peek at the Sewer Department's new truck.

Removing Main Street Snow Banks

Last week's Citizen ran a photo of what Main Street looked like after a pretty heavy snow storm.

In 1946 my father used his tractor with hydraulic lifted shovel (front end loader today) to load the snow left by plowing Main Street into town trucks to be hauled away. After a storm the clearing began at Bryant's Market and worked up the street. The first year there was no cab for our tractor and my father operated bundled in extra clothing. After snow was dumped into a truck the tractor had to be backed up while lowering the shovel in order to lock the shovel back in place for a new load.

A year later the tractor sported a wood framed and paneled cab plus windows of course. The "bucket" got side extensions bolted on for a larger bite of snow. And the year after that saw replac-

On good faith bargaining, and simultaneous processes

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Over the course of the back-and-forth between the members of the Newry Withdrawal Committee and their SAD 44 counterparts, the NWC has claimed that its charge to come up with a withdrawal agreement does not allow it to be involved in a funding formula change discussion.

The Newry panel has also argued that SAD 44, by standing firm on its financial proposals for a withdrawal agreement for Newry residents to consider, has not been bargaining in good faith.

SAD 44, for its part, has said it has held its ground on finances, keeping Newry paying at nearly the same level it does now, because it is in the best educational interest of all parties.

In a Jan. 21 letter to the NWC from the SAD 44 negotiating committee (in response to an NWC request for a negotiating counterproposal by Jan. 22), Chairman Marcel Polak and School Board Chairman Lainey Cross addressed those issues.

Regarding any involvement by the NWC in funding formula discussions, they cited a July 2015 letter from then-acting Maine Department of Education Commissioner Thomas Desjardin, who said that a withdrawal process and a funding formula change process could take place at the same time. "[F]orming a funding for-

mula committee] can be done in conjunction with the withdrawal negotiations and should be part of the ongoing communications between both parties," Desjardin said.

Polak and Cross wrote, "We see no reason the current commissioner would disagree ..." and, they said, the NWC should be able to make nonbinding recommendations to the town.

In the past Polak's committee has argued that it did not support the idea of withdrawal and funding formula processes happening at the same time, saying that Newry would ultimately have the final say by virtue of a withdrawal vote. They said then the withdrawal process needed to be stopped in order for formula negotiations to happen.

As for not bargaining in good faith, the SAD 44 directors wrote, "Our school board frequently engages in collective bargaining, where good faith bargaining is a statutory obligation. Yet even under the collective bargaining law, 'by such obligation neither party may be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to make a concession.' So, we point out that in our experience, good faith bargaining does not mean that either side is compelled to agree to the other side's proposal or to make a concession. We have repeatedly explained the evolution of our proposals and the educational and economic bases for them. Your proposals have not addressed our concerns, and we have no duty to make concessions that adversely impact the MSAD 44 education provided to our students or the finances necessary for our students to receive their education."

The four-page SAD 44 letter also reiterated its previous bargaining positions, along with the district's perspectives on education, taxes, economics and geography upon which the positions were based.



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

From the TWISI archives:

Boy, I can't believe how small some print has become. You know that old saying about always reading the fine print? Well, the fine print has become way too fine to read.

I have long suspected that product manufacturers have been making the list of ingredients smaller and smaller because they didn't want the consumer to know what's really in the product. I was sort of thinking it was a conspiracy to keep of in the dark about what we're eating.

Then the other day I tried to read the dose instructions on a bottle of cough syrup and it was nothing but a blur. It doesn't seem likely that dose information would deliberately be made too small to read.

I guess I have to face the facts that my aging eyes are no longer suitable for my aging eyes. I can't say for sure when this progression into blurriness came about, but it seems like only yesterday that I could read the fine print on anything. Now I need a magnifying glass just to read the morning paper.

It's not really quite that bad yet, but I know it's only a matter of time and I really do need to get my eyes examined and update my glasses.

I have been nearsighted since I was a teenager so difficulty in reading things at a distance is nothing new. But my inability to read fine print and sometimes not so fine

print is a fairly new development.

I'm not concerned that there is something terribly wrong with my eyes. I know that diminishing eyesight is part of the aging process and it's time to get bifocals, maybe even trifocals. That's just the way it is.

The prospect of getting new eyeglasses caused me to wonder just how long eyeglasses have been in existence. A little research satisfied my curiosity, but I was surprised to find that the invention of better vision

head movement was limited in order to keep the glasses in place. It wasn't until sometime in the 18th century that rigid frames with ear loops were invented. I'm sure that prior to frames people came up with various ways of tying their glasses to their heads. Necessity is the mother of invention.

Now the difficulty is picking frames that you like from the vast variety there are to choose from. Have you seen how many different frames there are available these days? It's a massive amount!

When I got my first pair of glasses at age 15 frame choices were more limited and primarily plastic. Cats eye style had just come into vogue and I chose a pair of black cats' eyes studded with a lot of rhinestones. I thought I looked like a movie star when in reality I looked ridiculous. But, hey, I was a teenager; I didn't know any better.

Now I'll look for something a bit more discreet and though I know I'll have a hard time making up my mind I think something in a wire frame will do just fine. As long as I don't have to go through life like Mr. Magoo and there are no rhinestones involved I'll be happy. As long as I can read the fine print I'll be even happier.

The way I see it...well, until I get some new glasses I can't really see the way I see it. I'll get back to you on that when my vision is greatly improved.

The early eyeglasses were discs of curved glass connected with a piece of metal, which rested on the nose. Breathing through the nose was somewhat impaired and

"I could swear that I've seen some movies with a biblical era setting in which someone was wearing glasses."

came about sometime in the late 13th century.

I could swear that I've seen some movies with a biblical era setting in which someone was wearing glasses. But we know that Hollywood doesn't always get it right. I remember seeing an old western with a cowboy and Indian fight going on and a plane flying overhead, but that's a topic for another time.

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ing the standard shovel with a wider, scoop shaped shovel. My father and his brother-in-law, Bob Lord, made the new "bucket" in our farm's work shop. The new bucket was constructed with the left end open so that dumping its load of snow into the truck required much less maneuvering. To dump the newly designed bucket a hydraulic ram was mounted on the loader's frame so that it could raise the right side of the bucket tilting it and making its load of snow slide out into the truck body. Then the hydraulic ram was retracted to lower the bucket/shovel back into loading position. Backing up the tractor was no longer necessary to get the bucket into loading position.

There's Voting in the Air Today
As long ago as 1892 voting by Australian (Secret) ballot was to be used for the first time in Oxford County. News of

its forthcoming came to Bethel in the February 1892 Oxford Democrat weekly newspaper. Along with the news item was a drawing of how the voting places should be set up. The announcement read that for the coming September 1892 elections, the Australian ballot system will go into effect. The Oxford Democrat newspaper's front page on Feb. 16 carried a large illustration of the typical election area set up that would be a county and state standard for this new system to be implemented. In May that year one read that the Albany town house is being re-shingled, clapboarded and painted and the inside prepared for honest voting (booths and desks needed for elections to be held using the Australian ballot procedures). J.P. Mason has the job. And in July news from Bethel: New voting procedures - the Australian ballot. Bethel selectmen

have appointed election clerks, Albert Grover and E.C. Park, Republicans and J.B. Chapman and Fred B. Howe, Democrats. Later Bethel news in the Democrat said W.H. Looney of Portland will speak in Bethel to explain the Australian ballot system. Elections for Maine offices were held in September. And following the election further comments appeared noted the successful voting using the Australian ballot.

Ellery C. Park Noted Bethel Attorney
Ellery Park (1864-1949) and Addison Herrick (1847-1932) were law partners, Herrick being the senior partner, who had the distinction of having their office in the Cole Block next door to the Bethel Savings Bank. As early as 1895, they also had an office telephone.

In the 1940s the Ellery Parks and the Masons (daughter Muriel Park and Harry Mason) lived in the Church Street home that is now Gould Academy's Alumni Center. The Parks and the Masons were our (Riverside Farm) milk customers and each had one quart of milk delivered daily to their respective entrance doors which opened onto the side porch. We knew them to be one of the most respected families in Bethel.

On Oct. 24, 1912 when The Bethel Inn Corporation was founded, Ellery C. Park became clerk of the new corporation with 10 shares of stock. Its purpose was to erect and operate buildings for a hotel and private club.

On March 30, 1925 Ellery C. Park prepared the deed executed by William Bingham 2nd to transfer the so-called watershed property on Barker Mountain in Newry from him to the Bethel Water Company. Mr. Park's signatures on the deed witnessed Mr. Bingham's signature and authenticated the document as Justice of the Peace.

From the 1931 Special Edition of the Citizen
Ellery C. Park was born in Mexico, Jan. 7, 1864. He was educated in the public schools, Farmington Normal School, Dixfield and Hebron Academies. Mr. Park came to Bethel in 1887 and has been active in public interests since. He was admitted to the Oxford County Bar in 1890 and the same year married Miss Mary Stearns of Paris. They have one daughter, Mrs. Harry Mason of Boston.

In 1890, Mr. Park became associated with Judge Herrick of this town and with his partner has been in the practice of law continuously and with no small measure of success since that

time. This is the oldest legal firm in Oxford County. Their law office was located in the Cole Block. Mr. Park served two terms as county attorney. He has been cashier of the Bethel National Bank since 1905 when it was organized and sound financial judgment has done much to give this institution its present high rating.

In politics he is a Republican, was chairman of the Republican County Committee in 1898 and 1899 and chairman of the Republican town committee for six years. For many years Mr. Park has been a member and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy. He is president of the Bethel Lions Club.

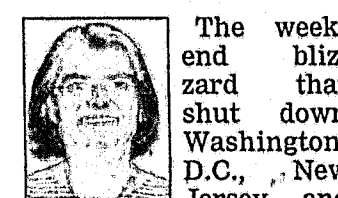
In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Park purchased the Pinckney Burnham place on Church Street and live here in their beautiful home filled with choice books and surrounded by well-kept gardens. Also that year Mr. Park was elected Treasurer of the Bethel Chair Co.

In the 1908 for the dedication of the Civil War Soldier monument, Ellery Park was the presiding officer of the ceremony. In 1917 Park was chairman of a Liberty Loan Committee formed to encourage the purchase of bonds. In 1919 Ellery Park was secretary of the committee formed to develop a way to honor veterans of World War I.

See also <http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Names/ElleryPark.htm>. Sources for this article include the Special 1931 Illustrated Edition of the Oxford County Citizen, Oxford County newspapers, Bethel Water District archives and the Oxford County Registry of Deeds. Bethel Maine, A Brief History by Stanley R. Howe.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



The weekend blizzard that shut down Washington, D.C., New Jersey, and New York missed us entirely. Despite sub-zero temperatures and howling winds for most of last week, Bethel was left with good skiing and snowshoeing weather for the weekend, and, most importantly, clean and safe roads. On Sunday, I ventured into the woods behind our house to check on the trees. For several days we listened to the wind whistling down from the ridge behind the house. We could hear the tree limbs cracking in the cold and the wind. Although there were numerous branches down, I saw no trees down in my mile-long walk through

the woods.

A few weeks ago I wrote about marcescence, the term that describes trees whose leaves wither in the autumn but don't fall off until spring. This is common with oak, witch hazel, and beech trees. I was sure that the high winds last week had probably knocked all these leaves from the trees. But when I snowshoed through the woods, I saw the witch hazel and small beech trees still had all their withered leaves. (The larger beech trees retain their leaves only on the lower branches.) This leads me to support the theory that these trees hang onto their leaves to protect the delicate buds from browsing deer and other animals.

There are two exciting upcoming events for Valentine's Day. The Bethel United Methodist Church is holding its annual Valentine Tea on Friday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church at 79 Main Street in Bethel. It is a traditional tea, featuring many Valentine sweets, including cakes, cookies, and candies. The event is free. Everyone is welcome.

The second event is the Delightful Dessert Extravaganza II on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street in Norway. This is a fundraising event for the Friends of Norway Memorial Library. It is one of the best local places to sample and buy a variety of Valentine's Day sweets. Some are made by home cooks; others by local professionals. The time is noon to 3 p.m. The snow date is Sunday, Feb. 14 from noon to 3 p.m.

Naya Clifford of Greenwood will speak and sign her debut novel, Into the North Woods, at the Bethel Library on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. Into the North Woods, which is set against the backdrop of the White Mountains, is a suspense adventure of a local family that finds itself in the center of an explosive environmental controversy. If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



We again dodged another storm. I had several messages from family and friends from overseas checking to make sure that things are OK. Arlene Harrington had a visitor. Her granddaughter Karen Lanza was here from Bucksport from Wednesday till Friday. The weather sure has helped making visiting easier this season. Arlene also told me that she saw about 15 deer all at once crossing the street heading to the field. Now

that is unusual even for this area.

Neil Olson spent the month in the desert of New Mexico trapping coyote. He harvested over 100.

On Saturday both the Aube and Mills families visited to celebrate Carrie Aube's birthday. Happy Belated Birthday, Carrie, from the neighborhood. Neil's birthday was included in the celebration also. If you see Neil this Thursday the 28th, do wish him a Happy 51st Birthday, hahaha. That's what he tried to make me believe. So, let's make his day and play along, please.

Before I get to the Trivia question, let's not forget to give you the info on how to get in touch with me. Call 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Now, the question: What is the date of the petition for discontinuance of the Hanover Ferry? Enjoy your week.

West Bethel

By Karen Paul



It seems like most of my friends have gone to Florida to seek warm weather and the proverbial fountain of youth. I can't say as I blame them when the weather is below zero and the wind is blowing. My walking world here in West Bethel has shrunk since the snow came and the snow banks on Route 2 are too steep and deep to walk in. I tend to stay on Barker and Ferry Roads so as not to get run over by the speeding wood trucks on the highway.

We are in the midst of a short January thaw and I am grateful for the warmer temperatures. Willow and I walked twice today and found the day very pleasant. Two short walks are better for her as she is old and arthritic and sometimes just stops in progress and lies in the middle of the road. The poor old girl is too tired to walk and hunt like she used to.

Cathryn Lovejoy called to tell me she and friends had been to Norway Rehab to play music and have a hymn sing. Unfortunately someone, I shall not name the culprit, erased all my phone messages and details of her escapade. I will have to report them to you next time. Sorry Cathryn.

In the words of an old Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you, May the winds always be at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Send me your news at paulkmarie@gmail.com or 836-2266.

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Jan. 18

At 4:28 p.m. a deputy responded to a traffic accident on Route 26 in Woodstock. A car crossed the center line and struck the rear portion of a tractor trailer. The driver of the car had minor injuries, and he was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Thursday, Jan. 21

At 7:26 a.m. a caller reported a bus all over the road and it had almost gone into the ditch several times. The caller said she had tried to get the bus to stop but the driver would not. Deputy Derek MacDonald was assigned.

At 11:05 a.m. a traffic stop by Deputy Derek MacDonald resulted in a possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 10:40 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a complaint of harassment on the Gilead Road in Gilead. The incident stemmed from a previous criminal mischief complaint on the Flat Road. The case was under investigation.

Friday, Jan. 22

At 10:08 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald served a protection from abuse order to a subject at a Bethel business.

At 11:27 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham did a traffic stop on the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a loud/leaking exhaust. The driver was warned for a violation.

Saturday, Jan. 23

At 3:23 p.m. a caller asked that a deputy contact him regarding suspicious activity in Newry. Deputy Matt McDonnell was assigned.

At 10:55 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to a report of fireworks on Paradise Road in Bethel. None were located.

Sunday, Jan. 24

At 2:27 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to Grand Summit Road in Newry to assist with a noise problem. While the deputy was standing outside a room a domestic assault occurred in his presence. A subject was arrested for DV assault.

At 9:29 a.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Josh Daley and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a vehicle that had drifted off the shoulder of the road, overcorrected and went off the opposite side. There was no damage and no injuries.

At 10:20 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to a business on South Main Street in Woodstock for a report of a burglary. The case was under investigation.

At 3:01 p.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Matt McDonnell witnessed a probation violation in Woodstock. The subject was located and given a criminal summons.

Monday, Jan. 25

At 7:39 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail on Route 26 in the Telstar High School speed zone. One vehicle was stopped and given a traffic ticket for speeding.

OCSD Jail Log

Jan. 23, 3:38 a.m.: Harding L. Smith, 46, of Portland, DV assault; by Deputy Derek MacDonald in Newry.

Jan. 23, 11:53 p.m.: Ashley A. Hart, 24, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Matt McDonnell in Bethel.

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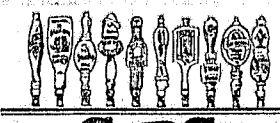
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Andover

By Jane C. Rich



The Snow Valley Snowmobile club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse, located off Route 5. Of course, all regular members and anyone interested in the sport of riding over the trails are invited to attend. While people south of us are recovering from the blizzard of 2016, here in the woods of Western Maine, we would actually welcome a little more snow with the emphasis on little. I'm blessed to look out my front door and see people on the cross-country trail that starts at Leon Akers and goes I know not where, but those I saw today looked like they were having a good time.

This coming Sunday, Jan. 31, the First Congregational Church will have a "Come as you are Sunday" at the 10 a.m. service followed by a Pot Luck Brunch. All are welcome.

No papers have yet been filed for the three elected positions to be voted on at the annual Town Election to be held on Tuesday, March 22. Open positions are one Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, and two School Board members. Each position is for a three-year term. Leo Camiri has taken out papers for the Selectman position, but as of this writing has not filed them. Papers must be filed by Feb. 8.

The Budget Committee will extend their work another week to go over the Town Office budget line by line. Following the school and roads, this budget is next largest and includes salaries for the Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, their deputies and the Selectboard. Also falling under this budget are members of the School Board, the Med-Care Rep, Health Officer and Election clerks and counters. It also contains operating costs for the Town Office such as utilities, heating fuel, etc.

That budget for 2015 was approximately \$81,000. Jim Adler and crew completed work in the Town Hall to install a floor in the clock tower room so

work on the clock can be done more safely. Meanwhile in other parts of the building the Town Hall Restoration Committee is painting and sprucing up the second floor kitchen.

John Ricker has been moved from CMMC to the Rumford Hospital.

Andover Elementary Teaching Principal Karen Thurston and Bobby Grafton are receiving congratulations on the birth of Keely Ann Grafton who decided to make her entrance into the world on Jan. 22 weighing in at 8 pounds 15 ounces. Keely joins her very proud big brother Michael.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. The Church held their annual business meeting on Tuesday evening.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Ledgerview Living Center for a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4, followed by a dinner by the group at Ledgerview. Meeting starts at 11:30. New members are always welcome to join.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet at the home of Alice Hoyt on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch. Each one to bring a dish to share.

If you have news for the paper, call 665-2460 or write PO Box 105, Bryant Pond, Maine 04219.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



Last week of January! Moving closer to spring!!! I have been so busy this week that I almost forgot to write this column.

My brother, Steve McLain, had a tree fall down in front of his house near Route 2. It took down a wire and just barely missed the Town

of Gilead sign.

I forgot to include Carole Mason, Brad's wife, in my list of January birthdays last week. She and Joe McLain share the same date. Happy Birthday, Carole.

Peter and Claudia Risbara were in town last week for a day visit to their Gilead house. We missed them because we had an appointment that took us out of town.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS has a new Honorary Member, Diane Dupont Bean of Baker City, Ore. She is a former Gilead resident and a great supporter of the GHS from afar. She was featured in the Citizen last week with a picture and write up of her trip to see Celine Dion. Congratulations, Diane. The GHS appreciates all the support you have given over the past few years.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



I'm sure there are many snow-lovers who will disagree, but I was happy to have Winter Storm Jonas (a.k.a. Snowpocalypse 2016), which broke all-time snowfall records in at least four states, miss us by a couple hundred miles.

Except for sending Will up to shovel off the rather flat dormer of our house, we've managed to avoid climbing onto our roofs to shovel them so far this winter, and I'd like to keep it that way. Last winter was an exception, but usually if most of our storms come later in the winter, they are followed by enough sunshine and warmer days to encourage most of the snow to slide off before it gets too heavy or builds up impressive icicles and ice dams.

January has flown by, and Ground Hog day is right around the corner, along with longer days and stronger sun!

At their most recent meeting, the Greenwood selectmen discussed stepping up enforcement of the town's addressing ordinance, which requires that all property owners post their assigned 911 street numbers where they are clearly visible from the road so that emergency responders can locate them easily.

For houses that are within 50 feet of the road, this means posting them on the building, and for houses further than 50 feet from the road, the numbers should be placed near the road.

The current ordinance provides for a fine of up to \$2,500 for those not properly displaying their house numbers. The selectmen hope to amend the ordinance to allow a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$250, since the intent of the ordinance is not to punish, but to encourage compliance.

Fire Chief Albert Curtis said his department has address-making supplies on hand, and for a \$10 fee, they will provide house numbers for any residents who would like them. The Fire Department, as well as other emergency personnel, strongly encourage all residents to properly display their street numbers.

As Selectman Fred Henderson said, "Not having the number displayed could be dangerous. It could even cost somebody their life."

The towns of Greenwood, Woodstock, and Andover are all due for a town-wide property tax revaluation. It's an expensive and time-consuming process, but needs to be done periodically to ensure that taxes are assessed fairly.

Town officials in Woodstock and Greenwood, which have both used the municipal consulting firm O'Donnell Associates, had earlier discussed coordinating their revaluations, which could save both towns some money.

Since that discussion, Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield has suggested that the two towns join up with Andover to apply for a grant under a state program that encourages collaboration among municipalities by providing funding for cooperative projects. Vern has offered to complete the application, which, if successful, could mean big savings for all three towns.

Enjoy your week, and don't forget to join town officials, employees, and the Bicentennial Committee at the Town Office next Tuesday at 5 p.m. for cake and ice cream to kick off Greenwood's 2016 Bicentennial year!

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Newry

By Doug Webster



One more reminder, don't forget to register your dog or dogs by the end of February. If you forget, there is a late fee, so poochie is going to cost you a little more than you planned.

I am proud to say that after a month of reminding everyone else, that I actually remembered to register my own dogs. This is the final warning.

At last week's select board meeting, Town Administrator Amy Bernard gave the board some preliminary interest rate numbers for a municipal bank loan. She said if the town got a municipal bank loan, instead of a bond type loan, the town would have more flexibility of the time span of the loan, but the biggest difference being the town's ability to pay the loan off early. The board is trying to figure out how to finance the repair and paving of the outer Sunday River Road.

The Newry withdrawal committee was waiting patiently until Friday to see if the SAD 44 School Board withdrawal committee was going to turn in a proposal. Apparently no proposal came, but there was an extended letter from the school board withdrawal committee chair. The bipartisan N.W.C. has done a good job of crafting different proposals for the school board to consider, but the school board has not offered anything in return. That being said, and with the Select board not backing up the withdrawal committee, and going their own way in search of a funding formula change, it looks like the citizens of Newry will be denied a vote again.

Nomination papers for selectman and school board member have been returned to the town office by the Jan. 25 deadline. Running for selectman uncontested is Gary Wight and for school board is Whitney Gray.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



Sunday, Jan. 17, one on my neighbors had his mailbox support system rebuilt. The new improved system has a large horizontal pole that holds the box from above. It is slightly closer to the road and at a different angle than the original. A couple days after the renovation, my neighbor miscalculated when backing into his driveway. The pole did not move, break or dent. The Ford pickup did not fare as well. The back window is shattered and there are multiple dents and kinks in the metal. The score is mailbox one, Ford zero.

Friday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 a.m., I left my house and headed for Errol. The truck thermometer indicated that the outside temperature was 2 above. About half way to Errol, it read minus 8. When I arrived at my destination, near All Season Sports, it was down to minus 12 - 14 degrees colder in 12 miles. I am accustomed to the mild Maine winters. Those northern New Hampshire winters are too cold for me!

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjo@gmail.com with your local news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



January is quickly coming to a close. Days have been cold and now they say we

will have another January thaw. Hard to believe we'll have another one with only a few weeks of cold. That is fine with me, though. I am glad we didn't get that storm they had south of us. I know all you skiers would have loved 20-30 inches of snow, but the winter is young and we will get more snow later. Today I actually just stood outside in the warmth of the sun. YAY! I am also glad it is getting light a little earlier and definitely staying light longer. Soon I will be able to go to local meetings without a ride!

Starting another fit for life class at Stephen's tomorrow. Need the exercise and it provides a safe place to do it. It also pushes me to move as much as possible. Of course I can't move the next day, but that is okay with me. I used to be much better at pushing myself, but now I am a wuss and do not like to be in pain. I get lazy. I also signed up for another class Tuesday evenings. It is also gentle exercise for the older at life crowd. It is still hard to think of myself as a senior citizen, but that is what I am.

Friday, Jan. 29, Waterford Library will hold their weekly coffee meet and greet, from 10 to 12, a time to visit with your neighbors. The library is also open at that time. FMI call 583-2050.

Monday, Feb. 1, should be a meeting of Socrates' Café 6:30 to 8:30 at the Waterford Library.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of Anne Mallory. Anne passed last week after a courageous battle with cancer. She will surely be missed.

Monday, the Knit and Chat group will meet at Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. All knitters are welcome. Come and learn and chat with other knitters.

That is all for this week. Have a great week. Enjoy the sunshine and the coming snow. Stay warm.

West Paris Universalist Church February worship services

February, for many, is a time to pour over seed catalogs, to dream of spring, and make plans for vegetable and flower gardens (or eagerly await the bounty of our local farmers). At the First Universalist Church of West Paris our hope is that we plant little seeds that grow into a richer understanding of our world, love, nature, justice, tolerance and more. Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m.

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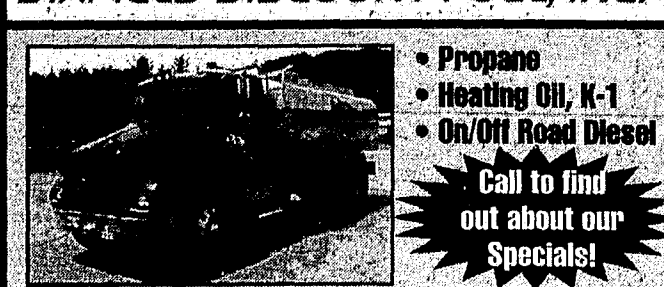
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Worship

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followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Services are provided by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, guest speakers, and the Worship Service Committee.

Feb. 7, "Blessing the Animals" led by the church's Worship Service Committee, this service is a way to express our appreciation of our domesticated and wild animals. People attending are encouraged to bring their pet or a photograph, or a story about a pet or wild animal that has particular meaning to you.

Feb. 14, "Love Is the Spirit of this Church" With Valentine's Day on our minds, at this service we will consider the many aspects of love. How do our religious traditions influence our concepts of love? How do our concepts of love influence our world views? Led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

Feb. 21, "Call to Prayer" This past fall, Cynthia Reedy traveled to Morocco and studied there as a recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching. During her time in Morocco, Cynthia visited classes at elementary schools, attended lectures at the university, traveled extensively, and taught hundreds of delightful children to sing "B-I-N-G-O." She also woke up every morning at the crack of dawn when loudspeaker at the mosque next-door called the faithful to prayer. Throughout her stay in Morocco, Cynthia observed daily life in an Islamic state. She also learned about Morocco's long history of religious freedom and acceptance. Will this country embrace its diverse religious past or will strict adherence to dogma define its future? Cynthia is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and a frequent guest speaker at the First Universalist Church of West Paris.

Feb. 28, "Loving the Hell Out of the World" Honoring human diversity is imbedded in our Unitarian Universalist principles and theological diversity is a key tenet of our tradition. At this service we'll explore the one shared belief that unifies our religious community. Led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

For more information about the church and services, please contact Martha Clements, 674-2143, mclements96894@roadrunner.com, or Bob Clifford at 674-3442, bobarlen@megalink.net. To learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, please visit <http://www.uua.org/>.

NEW SUNDAY RIVER DIRECTOR

Sunday River Resort in Maine has hired Heath Weatherbee as its new Director of Group Service within its Conference and Wedding department.

Weatherbee brings over a decade of experience in the hospitality industry to the resort's growing conference business. In the past year, Sunday River has seen an increase in its group, conference, and wedding traffic by almost 25 percent. A Maine native, Weatherbee returns to his home state after holding management positions with Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts in Jackson Hole, Atlanta, and Hawaii. Prior to joining Sunday River, Weatherbee spent six months backpacking across Asia. His role at Sunday River includes managing the group service team and acting as liaison for meeting planners and on-site conference guests to ensure a positive experience for all.



Prime Time Ski Club news

The wind has blown a lot the past week and a half making it necessary for most Prime Time Club members to add another layer or two under the ski jacket and wear a face mask to enjoy the snow underfoot which has been good at least during the first few hours of the day. The sides of the trails usually have the best snow when it's windy - just figure out which way the wind's blowing and you'll find where most of the swirling snow has been deposited. This week is Go50 Week at Sunday River ski area, celebrating young-at-heart skiers and boarders. Prime Time Ski Club members have served as ambassadors during the week, offering mountain tours for guests each weekday morning from North Peak Lodge. The week started with the ever-popular Cinnamon Bun Social at Peak Lodge and also included a Retro Race Day and Results Party. New this year was Paint & Sip, a group-led painting session where you could discover that inner Picasso or Grandma Moses. There's a wine dinner tonight and demo days have been available all week. There's still time to ski with our Prime Time Ski Club members Friday morning at 10 a.m.

January is the National Ski Areas Association's Safety Month so now is a good time to brush up on the Skier's Responsibility Code, developed by the National Ski Areas Association to help skiers and boarders recognize that there are elements of risk in snow sports that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. The Responsibility Code summarizes the main elements of safety and courtesy and is also endorsed by the Professional Ski Instructors of America and the National Ski Patrol. Everyone on the mountain, no matter age, or ability is responsible for being familiar with and adhering to all seven points of the Responsibility Code: 1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects. 2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them. 3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above. (Stopping on the side of a trail is usually a good choice. When stopping, always ski downhill of others in your group.)

4. Whenever starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others. 5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment. (Have your bindings and ski brakes or retaining devices checked each season by a qualified technician.) 6. Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas. 7. Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load and unload safely. (When leaving a lift, make sure you clear the unloading area quickly so you are out of the way of other skiers and riders.)

Know and practice the Code: it's your responsibility. And if you are looking for someone to ski with, why not join Prime Time Ski Club members every weekday at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right-hand side). After a brief time for announcements, members (who are 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Check out our website at www.primetimeskiclub.com or just show up and ski a few runs with us (safely, of course) and make some new friends.

Backyard Reflections

Shadow Tail

It was New Year's Eve ... The lights from my cedar tree cast a soft glow illuminating the snowy ground around under the trees where the deer had just finished nibbling the last of the birdseed. When I took my dogs out I looked up into the pines facing the house hoping to catch sight of small furry creatures before they scurried out of sight. I was not disappointed. One little flying squirrel with bulging eyes was peering at me from a tangle of white pine limbs. About a week ago I first glimpsed a couple of dark shapes spiraling around the pines while out with the dogs, and later stood at the door with binoculars watching five flying squirrels scampering about under the pines, digging in the snow in search of seed. Two were clearly youngsters. I have been keeping a sharp eye out for them ever since.

After depositing the dogs in the house I went out again with my camera and some sunflower seed, placing the latter on the ground, while I sat down in the snow between the trees. Within seconds a curious little fellow crept down the tree to stare at me. With large luminous eyes, flattened round ears, a pointed pink nose, long whiskers and cinnamon fur this flying squirrel was probably one of the adults I had seen last week. I stealthily raised the camera. But the second I moved he reversed directions and raced back up the trunk on the shadowed side. I sat still until he changed his mind, zipped down the tree, delicately chose a seed and dashed back up meeting me at eye level. I had been conversing with him in a low voice and when he met my gaze his eyes were shining like black ice. What a face! With only a foot separating us his silky fur coat was sharply etched on each side by a black line (the edge of the fold of skin that allowed him to glide) that extended from his back toe to his front paws in which he now clasped the black seed before cracking and popping the meat into his mouth. His belly was covered with thick whitish-gray fur. Most amazing was the long flattened furry tail that lay pressed against the trunk of the tree.

I heard a slight rustle and looked up into the other pine and instantly sighted another black-eyed ball of fur perched between the trunk and a branch overhead. Within seconds three more appeared on different limbs suggesting to me that they had been hiding in the dark watching the initial exchange. The two smallest squirrels scurried down the trunk, darted over to the seed and began husking the seed on the ground. The largest adult squirrel - a great grandmother, the matriarch I thought instantly - was the most wary, glaring at me with what seemed like deep suspicion from a distant tree branch long after the others were on the ground. Once again I raised the camera to get a close up picture of one feeding but the moment I moved they tore up the tree... I got a couple of shots of them on the branches but the close up photographs I wanted would take time... I decided to start by leaving them a cupful of seed every night after walking the dogs at 7 PM. I was relatively sure that they could tell time just like the "reds" could (moments after I scattered seed on the ground for the late afternoon bird feeding I could see red squirrels arrive from almost any direction for their free evening meal which infuriated me).

Some people dislike flying squirrels because they can nest inside attics and create chaos and if I had that problem I might feel antagonistic towards them too. But these little animals had never bothered me so I loved having them around. One behavior of theirs I had yet to witness and that was watching them glide ...

Flying squirrels have a special membrane

(patagium) between their front and back legs that allows them to glide through the air between trees without touching the ground. The squirrel launches itself from a high branch and spreads out its limbs so that the gliding membrane is exposed. The membrane stretches into a square so the animal can maneuver efficiently in the air making 90 degree turns around obstacles if needed. It uses a slight movement of its legs to steer and the tail acts as a break when the squirrel reaches its destination. Just before landing the squirrel raises its flattened tail, which abruptly changes the trajectory upwards. It points its limbs forward to create a parachute effect with the membrane in order to reduce the shock of landing. The limbs absorb the remainder of the impact. Flying squirrels are great escape artists and can cover more than 150 feet in a single glide. If pursued by a predator these squirrels will also immediately run to the protected side of the trunk of a tree as I had already observed. Owls, bobcats, lynx, domestic cats, and other climbing mammals like weasels predate on these small rodents in our area. And because of loss of habitat - in particular large trees/snags for nesting - these animals are diminishing in numbers.

The flying squirrels around this house are the smaller southern flying squirrels (8-10 inches in length) who are found throughout the eastern United States from Maine to Florida, and west from Minnesota, south to Texas. Both northern and southern flying squirrels look alike but the northern variety is a larger squirrel. Maine supports populations of both. Both species are found in deciduous and mixed conifer forests.

Courtship begins in March and extends through May. Usually one litter of 2-4 is born a year. Mothers nest in old tree trunks, woodpecker holes or may build leafy nests in trees called dreys. Young flying squirrels are born helpless and are nursed and cared for by their mothers until they reach independence at about three months.

Flying squirrels are omnivores. They eat nuts and seeds, fungi and lichens, fruits, buds, sap and the occasional insect. Some sources suggest that the northern flying squirrel may be important for the dispersal of fungi spores. They appear to have a spatial memory of locations where certain fungi have been found in past years.

During cold weather flying squirrels often nest together in an old woodpecker hole or abandoned bird's nest to keep warm. If my little group is any indication then the young may stay with both parents over the winter? Sharing a nest is important in maintaining body temperature as flying squirrels do not hibernate or enter torpor states. I have looked everywhere in my nearby pines and birch for a nest and haven't found one, so I wonder if my little family of flying squirrels travel here from another protected woodland area to feed?

Totally nocturnal, flying squirrels are active for about two hours beginning about an hour after sunset and again for a couple of hours before sunrise. This information fits my observations of them. If I get up during the night I often turn the outside light on to see if anyone is visiting and I have never seen the flying squirrels.

My hope is that at some point this winter I will have the opportunity to observe and photograph a flying squirrel gliding. Meanwhile, I will continue to visit with my little aggregation of flying squirrels whose name can be traced back to the Greek words for squirrel: Shadow Tail. This phrase captures the penchant of this wily little creature to outwit his enemies by disappearing into the darkest night.

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mountain Valley 66, Telstar 57; Jan. 25 - Telstar scorers: Tanner Wheeler (17); Blake Rothwell (12); Aaron Vermette (3); Avry Griffin (2); Jarrett Bean (13); Jeremiah Richardson (8); Connor Landes (2).

Middle School Girls' Varsity Basketball

The Telstar Middle School Girls Varsity team finished its regular season with losses at Dirigo, 44-31, and at Mt. Valley, 50-33. Telstar scorers at Dirigo: Calla Orino 9, Caroline Newell, Luci Rothwell, and Lydia Bennett 6 each; Aneah Bartlett with 3 and Ella Kellogg with 1. Telstar scorers at Mt. Valley: Calla Orino 8, Aneah Bartlett and Luci Rothwell with 7 each; Caroline Newell and Lydia Bennett with 3; Angela Cintron and Caroline Siekman with a bucket apiece and Emalee Coffin with one. The Rebels celebrated their season with a wonderful dinner in the cafeteria on Thursday the 21st put on by Eric Botka father of Lillian. Thank you, Eric. - Coach Dave Berry

Middle School Girls' JV Basketball

The Telstar Middle School Junior Varsity had back to back games last week. At the Mountain Valley Middle school total points for Telstar were 16. With the support of fellow teammates names and points are as follows; Katie Evens 1, Nicole Cox 2, Meadow Wind 5, Ellen Files 4, Celia Malanson 2 and Maddie Bean 2. For the Middle school Junior Varsity Game at Dirigo scorers include; Leah Kimball 2, Katie Evens 3, Meadow Wind 5 with many rebounds, Katlyn Buck 2, Ellen Files 2 with many steals and Maddie

Bean 2. It has been a great season with great attendance and a lot of learning the basic skills of basketball. Congratulations to all the girls for great dedication. - Coach Amy Stevens

Middle School Boys' JV Basketball

The Telstar M.S. JV boys played back to back games last week. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the team played a defensively aggressive game against Dirigo. It was a total team effort on the scoring side of things and under the boards. Nine of the 11 Rebel players contributed to the point total. The Rebels won 40-9. Marvel Ayotte was the leading scorer with 13 points. On Wednesday the Rebels took on the Mt. Valley Hawks. Mt. Valley players are well-schooled and they displayed their talent against the Rebels. The TMS JV boys lost 46-20. Offensively the Rebels had opportunities but were unable to convert. These two games concluded the season for the team, which ended up 1-3. Great improvement was noted and acknowledged to the boys since practice began in November.

Middle School Nordic Skiing

Titcomb Hill, Jan. 9: Girls: Dylan Duclos 18th, Livie Doucette 30th, Raechel Miller 31st; Ava Miller 42nd. Boys: Eli Shiffrin 4th, Dylan Greenberg 20th, Utah Bean 29th, Isaac Voisine 52nd. Black Mountain, Jan. 18 - Girls: Dylan Duclos 14th. Boys: 6th Eli Shiffrin, 23rd Dylan Greenberg, 30th Utah Bean, 31st Isaac Voisine, 37th Wyatt Theibbar, 48th Dillan Smith. Telstar Home Meet, Jan. 20 - Girls: Dylan Duclos 14th, Ava Doucette 37th, Livie Doucette 37th, Raechel Miller 38th. Boys: Eli Shiffrin 8th, Dylan Greenberg 12th, Utah

Bean 15th, Isaac Voisine 25th, Wyatt Theibbar 36th, Dillan Smith 39th.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

LB1 Rattles Tommy Guns in MVRBL

Laid Back Installers were just too experienced for Tommy Guns in what was a closely played contest, but one that seemed out of reach, winning 91-82. Tommy Guns looked like they had a chance, but defensive breakdowns, lack of ball movement and poor shot selection stalled them time and time again. LBI (5-1), although, looking the superior team, showed some fatigue and seemed complacent to allow their opponents to breakdown rather than put them away. LBI used 29 points and 4 threes from Owen Jones to keep their winning ways. They were supported by Jon Benjamin with 16, Eric Canwell 13, Chris Baxter 12 and Brandon Johnson with 10. Tommy Guns (3-3) was led by Juwan Daniels with 20, Jordan Carson 18, Dave St. Germain 14 and Tony Daniels and Brandon Bennett with 13 each. With M and M (3-3) off, other games saw Archie's (5-1) destroy a limited Jay team (0-6), 92-30. Archie's was paced by many, Glen Dubois 18, Steve Lizotte 16, Dan Thibault 13, Colby Knapp 12, Justin Archibald and Ben Ryerson 10 each. Jay's Cody Dolloff was the lone man in double figures with 12. Also in a competitive game, The Crew (2-4) was at full strength and played much better, topping Bethel, 76-62. The Crew distributed the ball well and had strong inside play. Ricky White led them with 20 points followed by Jade Dutil with 14, Cliff Turner 13 and Erik Wilson 10. Bethel (3-3), coming off a high with an upset of LBI last week, couldn't keep their momentum and were flat most of the game. Ryan Savage was lead man with 22 and Ryan Kimball had 16.



BOOSTING TELSTAR BASKETBALL-The Telstar Middle School/High School girls basketball team would like to thank MS basketball player Lillian Botka's father, Lake Region Culinary Arts teacher Eric Botka (middle), retired baker and volunteer Steve Murphy (left) and volunteer and former student Shawn Murphy for catering a sit down dinner. Eric Botka graciously volunteered to cater to try to help boost the girls' basketball team by introducing the high school players and middle school players. Hayley Peterson and Blair Stevens spoke to the group about continuing to play and their experience last year struggling to keep the program alive with just five players. With a Middle School varsity and junior varsity team of 35, Telstar has hopes for the future girls basketball.

Submitted photo

Telstar Middle School bi-weekly update

This week's highlighted grade report is on the 7th grade.

TMS 7th grade:

Science: In Science, students have been collecting evidence for their Body Systems Scientific Explanation writing assignment. This included a Reaction Time Experiment that tested students' nervous and muscular systems working together. Currently, 7th graders are diligently working on their Science Fair Projects. They are developing Testable Questions, researching those questions for a Hypothesis and writing a Procedure as they prepare to do their experiment.

Math: In math, students have just finished working on one-step equations and have now moved into a study on Geometry where they are focusing on complementary and supplementary angles, vertical and adjacent angles, and are building up to triangles.

ELA: In English Language Arts, students have started the historical fiction novel A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck. Students are learning about figurative language and applying it to the text while also integrating Robert Frost poetry to connect to the themes of the book.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, students are studying Ancient Greece. They are discovering the differences between the beginnings of 'Democra-

cy and how that has influenced the manner in which our Republic works. They are also learning how Geography influenced the creation of city states in Greece, and how each one had a different form of government. This work aligns with multiple standards within the Maine Learning Results for Social Studies including Civics and Government, Economics, Geography, and History. They will be starting the book The Adventures of Ulysses by Bernard Evslin to give the students a taste of Greek Mythology before they move on to the Roman Empire.

TMS general:

Update on the Cafeteria Makeover Project: The Peer Ambassadors and Mrs. Mastroianni would like to express their gratitude to the businesses who have been collecting money, and to the community who has been very generous with their donations. They are steadily climbing up to their goal! Though many parents have come forwards to volunteer, they are still looking for volunteers in the parent community to help with fundraising and/or to pitch in with their artistic and carpentry skills.

Remember that the Middle School is always looking for ways to raise money for the student activity account, and Box Tops for Education is a great way that families can contribute. Just cut them out and send them in with your student(s) to the Middle

School office!

The Mahosuc Kids Association is looking for talented community members who are interested in getting paid to teach in their after school enrichment programs. The pay is \$10/hour and materials will be covered. Teachers can create their own course to meet for one full week, two weeks, once or twice a week, or whatever suits their schedule! Late busses will run Monday through Friday with a departure time of 5:15. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share your talents and crafts to ignite a spark in their lives.

Meanwhile, our after-school organizations continue to be very productive and are always open to new members! Below is a list of the organizations and meeting times that we have at TMS for students to join:

TMS Drama Club: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:20 to 4:00

Yearbook: Every other Wednesday 2:20 to 5:00

Peer Ambassadors: Every other Monday 2:20 to 5:00

Wacky Weird Science: Wednesdays 2:20 to 5:00

Minecraft Club: Mondays 2:20 to 5:00

Looking ahead: The TMS Talent show will be held on March 3rd. Melissa Prescott will be holding tryouts soon. There are many talented students at TMS who should be on alert and might want to start thinking about their acts now.

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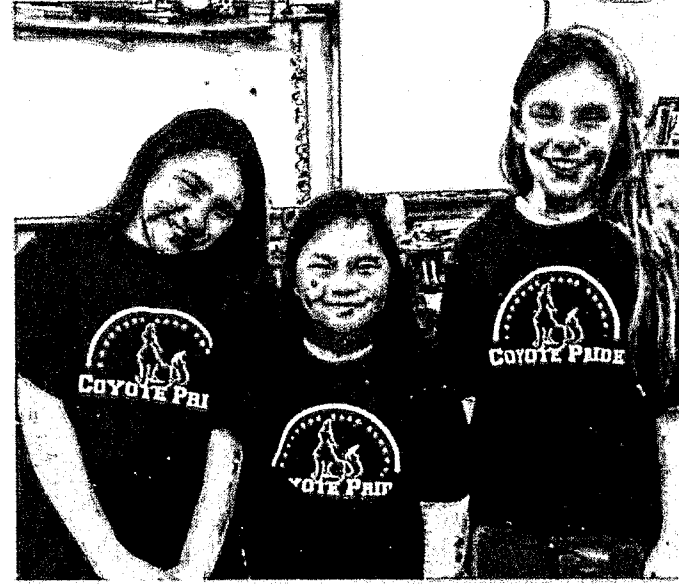
All students in Mrs. Wight's second grade class at CPS have started a new unit on nonfiction. Every student selected a nonfiction text. We started off by discussing what we already knew so we could build on our prior knowledge, and after reading, asked ourselves what we learned that was new information. Students are enjoying sharing their findings with their class.



Mrs. Lee's class drumming to the steady beat of the piano during music class with Mrs. Stowell.

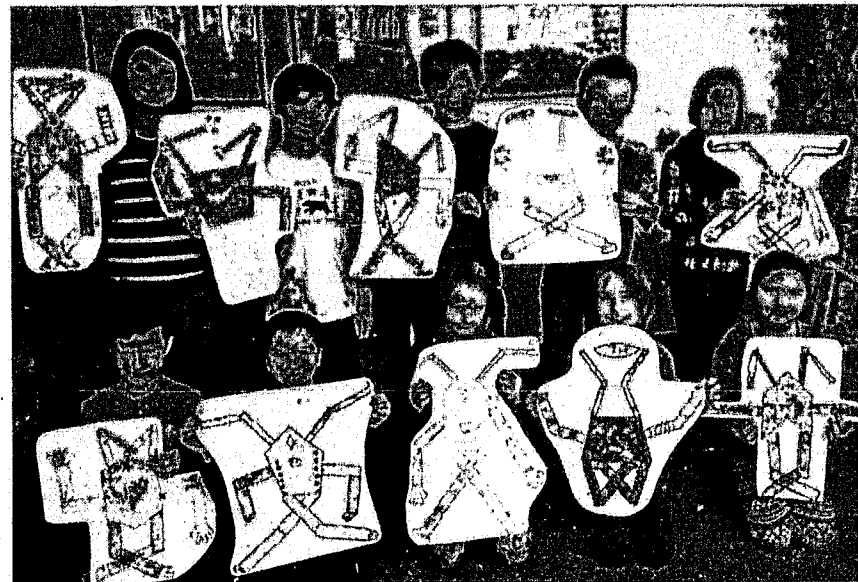


Jedidiah and Beau sneaking in some reading time! Loving *Star Wars* books!



Students at CPS were challenged by Mr. Brown to earn 10 Coyote Coupons in the month of December for being responsible, respectful, and safe. Three students in Ms. Charette's class met their goal! Pictured are Scarlett Quick, Lilly Crockett, and Makenzie Eliot modeling their new CPS t-shirts.

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Ms. Nicols 3rd grade at Woodstock Elementary School recently made monsters as part of their Geometry unit. They learned about polygons, types of angles, triangles, and lines and used these vocabulary terms to make their monsters.

TELSTAR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS



Two instrumentalists from the Telstar High School Music Department were recently selected to play at the All New England Band Festival at Plymouth State University. Carla Boyle-Wight (Flautist) and Christian Brown (Trombonist) performed with a collective 200 instrumentalists representing the New England states. Their concert concluded a daylong event studying and performing traditional Symphonic band literature at P.S.U.

Their festival conductor was the renowned clinician & musician Jack Stamp who has made his mark as a driving force in the advocacy for Music Education. More about Jack Stamp can be found on his website at www.jackstamp.com/bio.html or you can find his 'Why Music Matters?' speech on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw4vqll9cAM.

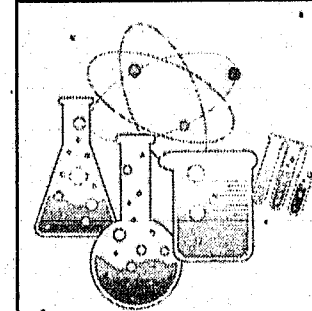
Carla & Christian have been performing in festivals since elementary school, a true story of musical perseverance! Shown above are festival shots from 5th grade and 12th grade. Congratulations Carla & Christian, you truly are amazing musicians!



The faculty was pleased to present Super Star awards for the month of December to sixth grader, Grace Boothby, 7th grader Wyatt Thielbar, and 8th grader Calla Orino. They were recognized for their consistent efforts in academics, for their positive attitudes and for being responsible young adults. TMS is a better place because they are here.



Nordic racers at a meet the Telstar Middle School hosted on January 20. There were 84 racers from 6 schools. It was a cold wind, but there was lots of good cheer and great racing.



An exciting Science Expo

will be held in the Telstar complex cafeteria and gymnasium on March 15 from 5-7pm (snow date 3/17). Explorations and demonstrations will be presented by elementary, middle and high school students as well as the SAD44 Lego League, and several community groups and businesses. Please join us for a night of exploration and discovery!

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Northern Vista at Home Senior Care; Free shuttle service to those going to reoccurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride, call Gerry McCann, director, at 207-836-2173.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Free Indoor Walking Group; 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday with Denise Hurd at Andover Elementary School.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollycoddett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided.

The Woodstock Historical Society will not meet in the months of January and February. Monthly meetings will resume in March.

Thursday, Jan. 28

SeniorsPlus Long Distance Learning Program; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. Hear Maine Author Kendall Morse speak on his book, "Father Fell Down the Well." Free with preregistration - call 1-800-427-1241.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Friday, Jan. 29

Andover Rec Committee Craft and Movie Night; 6 p.m., Andover Elementary School. Come learn how to make six pack snowflakes while your children enjoy a movie and popcorn. Movie title TBD.

Winter Dance; 6 to 8 p.m., Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Featuring: Joe "the Music Man" Sirolis. Open to the public. Refreshments will be sold. Donations welcomed to benefit the Hope Association.

Saturday, Jan. 30

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults: \$5. The Jones Dance Band plays old-fashioned dance music.

Monday, Feb. 1

Bethel Senior Citizens Reservation Deadline; Reservations for the Bethel Senior Citizens February meeting must be made by this date. See Feb. 10 listing for details.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Greenwood Bicentennial Kickoff; 5 p.m. at Greenwood Town Office. Join town officials, employees, and the Bicentennial Committee for cake and ice cream to kick off Greenwood's 2016 Bicentennial year.

Health Trend Forum; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Snow date: Feb. 9. The Maine Shared Health Needs Assessment and Planning Process Project is a collaborative of Central Maine Health Care, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, MaineGeneral Health, MaineHealth and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is working with Stephens Memorial Hospital and Rumford Hospital, which are MaineHealth and Central Maine Health Care members, respectively, to gather community input.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club Meeting; 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5, South Andover. All club members and interested snowmobilers are invited to attend.

CPR Certification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center. This class will teach adult, child & infant CPR, and obstructed airway. 2 year certificate. Limit 6 students. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton. Tuition: \$55. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Thursday, Feb. 4

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

Winter Fashion Show; Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue. The Glee Club entertains at 12 p.m., followed by the fashion show at 12:15. Come to the fashion show to see examples of clothing available at the What Not Shop. Fill a bag of clothing for \$5.

To Your Health Program on AFib; 4:30 to 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street,

Bethel. Dr. Daniel van Buren, Board Certified Cardiologist, will discuss, "Understanding Your Heart Rhythm: Atrial Fibrillation." Learn how AFib is detected and evaluated and the two long-term treatment options. Sponsored by To Your Health of WMSC with collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44 Continuing Education. Public invited. Free admission. Light refreshments. FMI: R. Tift (824-2053).

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Clean Up Your Credit Workshop; 1 to 3 p.m., Telstar High School Room 133. This two-hour workshop aims to help you have a better understanding of credit. We will discuss basic concepts of credit, strategies for reducing debt and repairing credit, credit reports, and credit scores. This is a free class. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Harness Your Internal Energy System: an Introduction to Chakras; 3 or 6 p.m., Telstar High School. Chakra is a Sanskrit word (from India) meaning wheel, or vortex, and it refers to each of the seven energy centers in your body. Chakras help to regulate processes in our body, from organ function, the immune system to our emotional well-being. During the workshop you will learn from instructor Emily Ecker about each primary chakra and how it correlates with specific physical, mental and emotional aspects of yourself. Gentle breath and movements will be taught to clear, balance and energize the chakras. Working with the Chakras is an integral part of Emily's Polarity practice. Tuition: \$10. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon/Meeting; 11 a.m., Crossstone Restaurant, Route 26, Woodstock. Menu: Chicken or fish. Reservations must be made before Feb. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Membership dues of \$3 are due at this time.

Friday, Feb. 12

Valentine Tea; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Meeting; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. The public is welcome. FMI: Christopher (cpeaston@megalink.net).

Portland Homeless Ministry Discussion and Potluck; 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Rev. Jeff Logan will share his ministry on Grace Street with the homeless people of Portland. Bring a dish to share and donations for the homeless mission in Portland. Contact Jane Chandler for more information (357-3524).

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Safe Sitter Class; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Safe Sitters learn: Infant and child CPR, choking procedure, safety for the sitter, how to call for emergency help, babysitting business skills, basic childcare skills and how to entertain children and keep them safe. The classes are geared for students 11 years and older. Tuition: \$50 (\$15 scholarships are available) FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Into the Woods MLT Speaker Series Presentation; 7 p.m., Shelburne Town Hall, Shelburne, N.H. Garret Bonnema recently completed hiking the entire Grid, reaching the summit of each of the 48 peaks in the White Mountains that are over 4,000 feet, in each month of the year - 576 summits! He will share his experience.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Hope Association's 41st Annual Ride-In; 12:30 to 2 p.m., Horizon's Unlimited, 319 Swain Road, Rumford. Buffet lunch and raffle drawing with great prizes including \$200 cash. Proceeds benefit the Hope Association.

Monday, Feb. 22

National School Choice Week Event; 10 to 11:30 a.m. and/or 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Eddy School, Newry. The Eddy is one of more than 12,000 schools participating in National School Choice Week, the goal of which is to shine a positive spotlight on all types of education options for children. FMI: <http://TheEddySchool.com> or schoolchoiceweek.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Guitar II; 7:45 to 8:45 p.m., Telstar High School Room 218. This class is a continuation of the beginner class for those with little guitar experience. We will cover chord playing, music reading, singing and playing and finger picking. Instructor: Simon Smith. Tuition: \$45. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Woodworking Course; 6 to 9 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 220. Whether you are a beginner and want to learn more about woodworking or if you are an expert woodworker this class is for you. This is a six week course where you can build small or big. The first week will be an informational session talking about machinery safety and what to expect in this class. Brainstorm about what you would like to make then come back the next week with your wood ready for class. Tools are supplied. Instructor: Tim O'Connor. Tuition: \$65 for six weeks. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Thursday, Feb. 25

CPR Recertification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center. This class will include adult, child and infant CPR and obstructed airway. You must bring your current certificate. 2 year certificate. Limit 6 students. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton. Tuition: \$45. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Book Talk/Signing; 7 p.m., Norway Universalist Church. Elizabeth DeWolfe, award winning author, history professor and chair of the Liberal Studies program at the University of New England, will present a slide show and discussion on The Murder of Mary Bean and Other Stories. This event is free and open to the public. The Murder of Mary Bean is available at Books 'N' Things in Norway and will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tuesday, March 1

Drivers' Education; Classes start March 1 and will be held in room 133 at Telstar High School. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, call Western Maine Driving Academy at 743-8351.

Thursday, March 3

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Thursday, March 10

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Thursday, March 17

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Thursday, March 24

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Saturday, March 5

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Table reservations: \$10/yard sale items, \$15/crafters and vendors, contact Jean (743-7965). The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Saturday, April 9

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Table reservations: \$10/yard sale items, \$15/crafters and vendors, contact Jean (743-7965). The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Saturday, May 14

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Table reservations: \$10/yard sale items, \$15/crafters and vendors, contact Jean (743-7965). The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.



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Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and/or fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info or go to http://www.sad44.org/pages/MSAD_44_Bethel/School_Board).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.: Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.: Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Wednesdays

Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (no class Nov. 25) at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.: Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.: Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.

Third Thursday, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum holds Third Thursdays Tours & Talks. Winter months' feature presentations held in the Museum Store and Preview Gallery from 3-4:30 p.m. Summer months' feature tours at renowned regional geological sites. Summer times vary depending on tour location; check MMGM's website www.mainemineralgemmuseum.org and its newsletter calendar.

Saturdays

Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 8am and 9:30am at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga

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Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.: Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the museum.

West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Norway

Third Wednesday of the month: Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.: Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE Voices

24-hour hotline: 1-800-559-2927. Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806.

AA meetings/help

Bethel Freedom Group: Open Discussion Meeting (seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1) Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room, at Sunday River Resort.

At United Methodist Church (Main Street, Bethel): Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m.

Cancer Support

Northern Vista at Home Senior Care offers a free shuttle service to those going to re-occurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride call Gerry McCann, director at 207-836-2173.

Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange: Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Bethel Food Pantry: serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street. (Donations should be left on porch at 57 Elm Street. Questions, contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 207-824-0369.)

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc.: operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Lyme Disease

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m.: Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club: 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris: Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts: provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

Caregiver Support Group: Second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Paris Town Office, 26 Kingsbury Street. This group is for anyone caring for a family member or friend with memory loss. New members may join at any time. Free and open to the public. FMI: SeniorsPlus (1-800-427-1241).

Alzheimer's Support Group: meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group: for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

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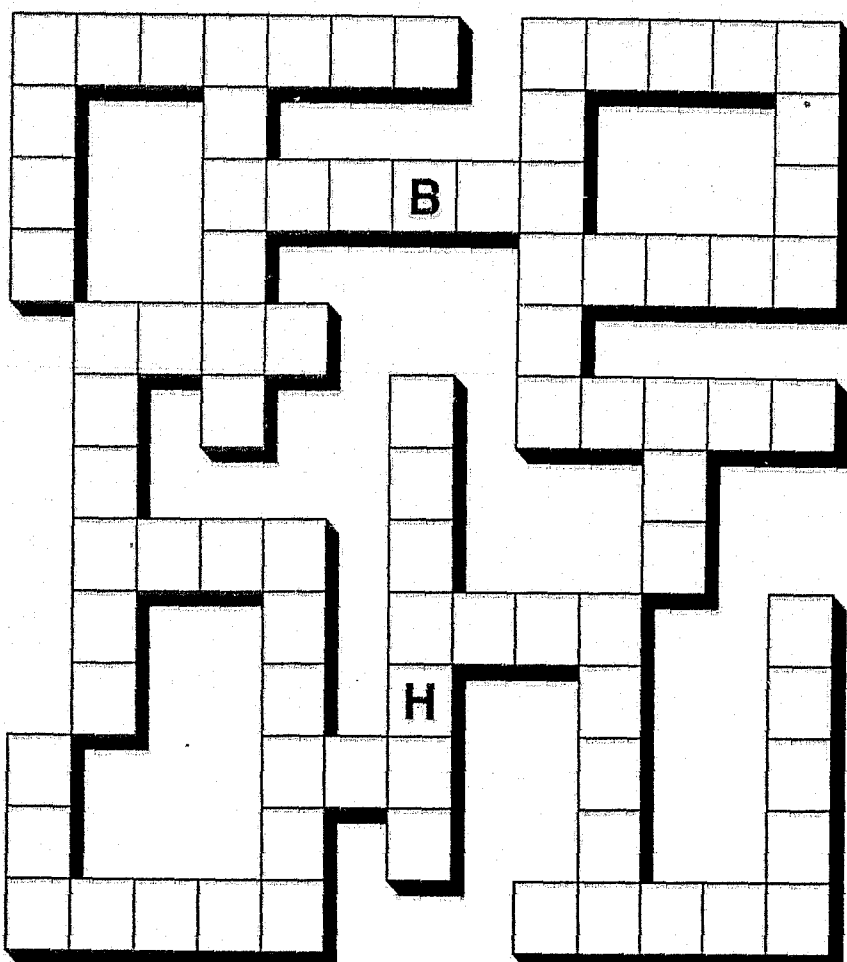
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - CRAFT SUPPLIES

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

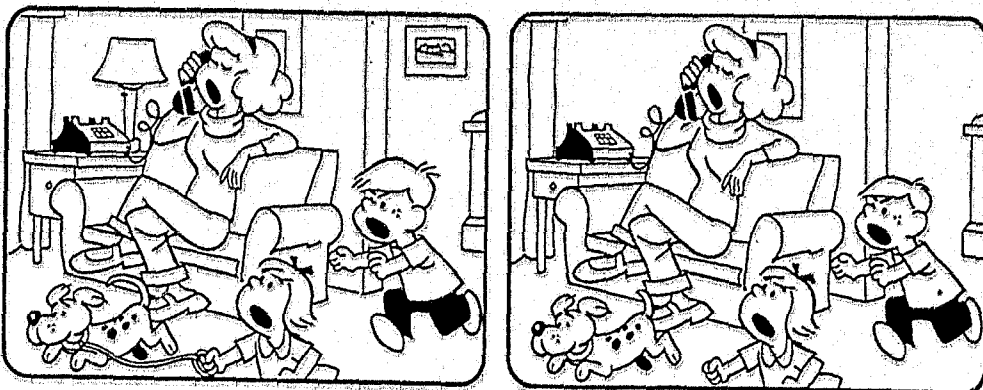
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- 5 Letters
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LABEL
PAPER
PASTE
- 6 Letters
CRAYON
NEEDLE
PENCIL
RIBBON
THREAD
- 7 Letters
GLITTER
LEATHER



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- 1. Lamp is missing.
- 2. End table is different.
- 3. Dog's tail is shorter.
- 4. Dog's leash is missing.
- 5. Picture is missing.
- 6. Hair is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals P

MNJW CDGJPDYA CFAC "VNEC

IJWOEU IDEWV EC GTON VDD

CNFKI," MDTUY VNFV PJ F

DEWVJY OKEVEOECG?

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Simple

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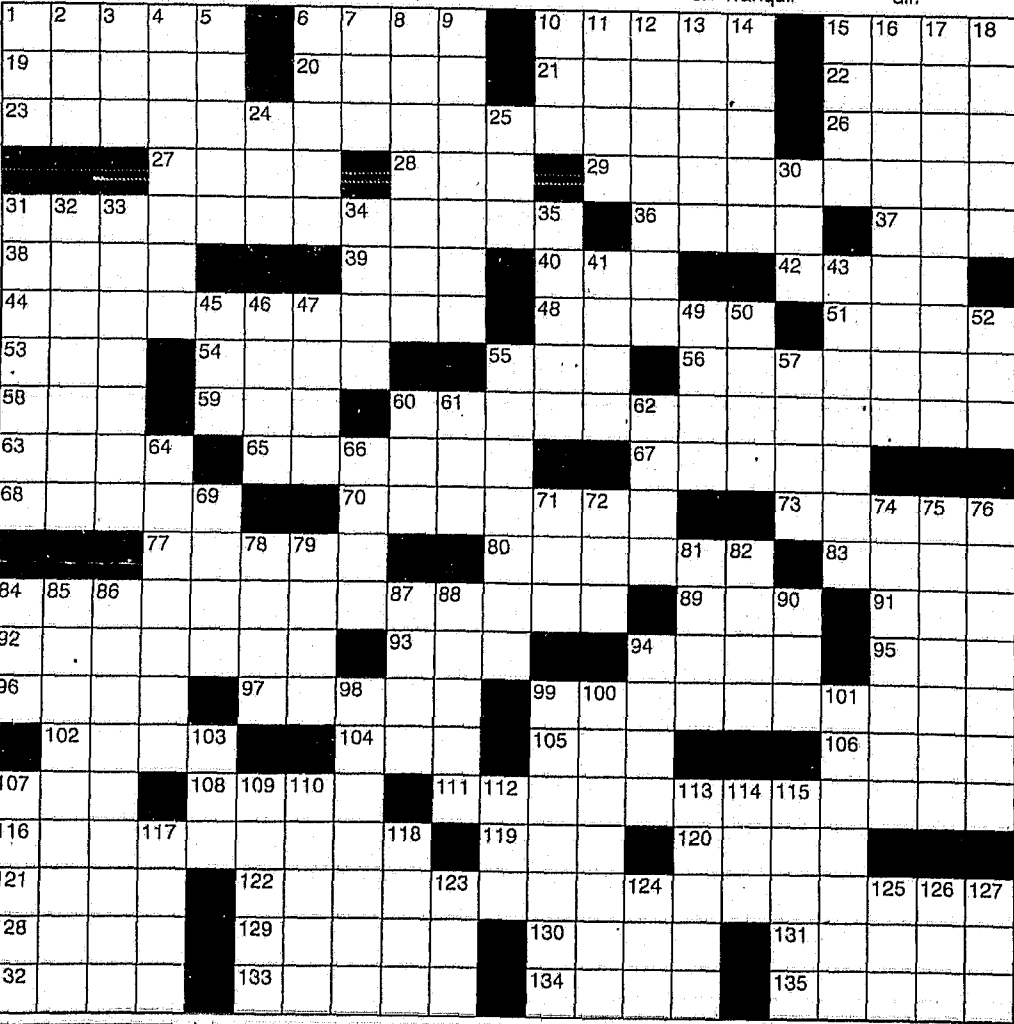
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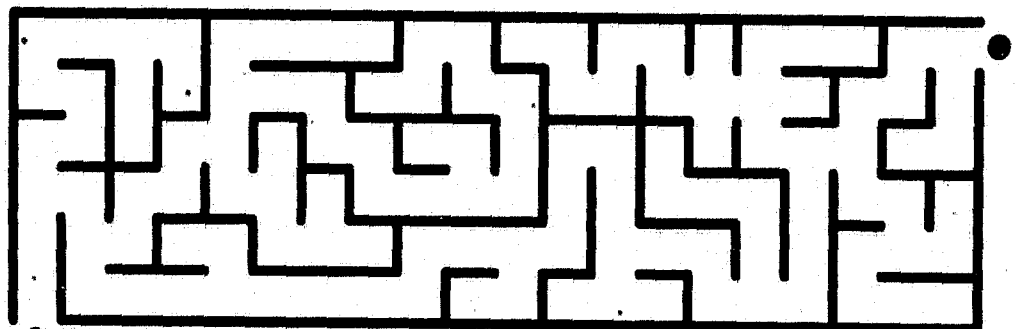
Super Crossword

SHADY QUESTION

- ACROSS
- 1 High-school balls
- 6 Give backup
- 10 See 90-Down
- 15 Rip — (thefts)
- 19 Andrea — (lost ship)
- 20 Disappearing Asian sea
- 21 Living space
- 22 Post
- 23 Award for the top spot
- 26 Big West org.
- 27 Caulk, e.g.
- 28 Clumsy type
- 29 Thing laid by a redbreast
- 31 Facilitator of stargazing
- 36 Game akin to bingo
- 37 Ltr. writers' afterthoughts
- 38 Little chaps
- 39 Suffix with Canaan
- 40 Run up a tab
- 42 "Shool"
- 44 Atlantic or Pacific fill
- 48 Utah range
- 51 Street brawl
- 53 Fast, two-door autos
- 54 Fibula, e.g.
- 55 Thai pan
- 56 Writer
- 58 Oxygen, e.g.
- 59 Portable bed
- 60 Muppet with a major sweet tooth
- 63 And others, in a list
- 65 Make less dangerous, as a bull
- 67 Cranked hoisting device
- 68 Zellweger or Adorée
- 70 Apt question concerning
- 10 answers in this puzzle
- 73 Patronage
- 77 Knack
- 80 Lung compartment
- 83 Freeway rig
- 84 Proofer's marking tool
- 89 Brutus' lang.
- 91 Capitol Vpr
- 92 Opera great Pavarotti
- 93 Seoul soldier
- 94 In the style of, on Italian menus
- 95 Pericles' T
- 96 Mine outputs
- 97 Dully sedate
- 99 Lees, e.g.
- 102 — Spumante
- 104 Game with Skip cards
- 105 "— for Outlaw" (Sue Grafton book)
- 106 Old sitcom boy Taylor
- 107 Frequently, in sonnets
- 108 Kaput
- 111 Flowers symbolizing constancy
- 116 Habitually sullen sort
- 119 Fire waste
- 120 Afflicts
- 121 "Rats!"
- 122 New York and Hawaii, election-wise
- 128 Model who hosted Fox's "More to Love"
- 129 Rips to bits
- 130 Shoeshining
- 131 Folklore friends
- 132 T-man Eliot
- 133 Very, to Chopin
- 134 Unclean stuff
- 135 Béte — (bugbear)
- 1 DOWN
- 1 13-Down filename extension
- 2 King, in Paris
- 3 NHLer
- 4 Beauty pageant since 1952
- 5 Filled fully
- 6 Barry of film
- 7 Timeline part
- 8 Crocodile logo shirt brand
- 9 Gratifying one
- 10 Month after April
- 11 Shortened form of a wd.
- 12 Neighbor of Jersey City
- 13 Producer of Acrobat
- 14 Bolshevism founder
- 15 Dominates
- 16 Mug-decorating stuff?
- 17 Flat paving slab
- 18 Does' mates
- 24 Good bud
- 25 D.C.'s — Stadium
- 30 Antis' votes
- 31 Obstructing object
- 32 Produce mother's milk
- 33 Many a Ukrainian
- 34 Location
- 35 Tense question after an accident
- 41 User-revised Web site
- 43 Fileups, e.g.
- 45 Network for Jimmy Fallon
- 46 Balsa, say
- 47 Initial stake
- 49 Novelist
- 50 Presley's, middle name
- 52 Paving stuff
- 55 Recouped
- 57 Old Andean
- 60 Dot —
- 61 "... goes, — go!"
- 62 Rams' mates
- 64 Liberal-leaning
- 66 Lyre relative
- 69 Kazan of filmmaking by Hercules
- 71 52, to Flavius
- 72 Hot-linked address
- 74 Ruthless organization
- 75 "No joke!"
- 76 Commonly congested cavities
- 78 Sothern and Romney
- 79 "— Rhythm"
- 81 "For — care"
- 82 Tranquil
- 84 "Xanadu" rock gp.
- 85 Brand of packaged fire logs
- 86 Events with freezing rain
- 87 Isle of poetry
- 88 — approval ("yes" signal)
- 90 With 10-Across, Agra attraction
- 94 "As I Lay Dying" husband
- 98 They follow summers
- 99 Back fins
- 100 Four hours before noon
- 101 In the very distant past
- 103 Ology
- 107 Poet Nash
- 109 Serpent slain by Hercules
- 110 Arch types
- 112 Boat mover
- 113 "Be silent," in music
- 114 Prefix with fit
- 115 Rocker
- 117 Wallet wad
- 118 Sprite, e.g.
- 123 "—, Miami"
- 124 Hosp. area
- 125 Part of TNT
- 126 Rocket tail?
- 127 Compass dir.



Kids' Maze

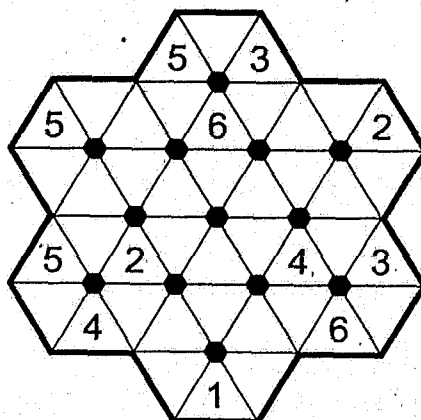


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

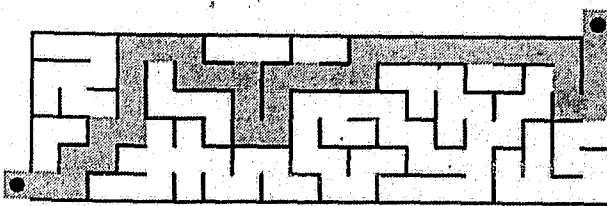
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	1	6		8	
		9	2		7
7		3		4	
8			4		1
	4			9	6
		5	6		8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

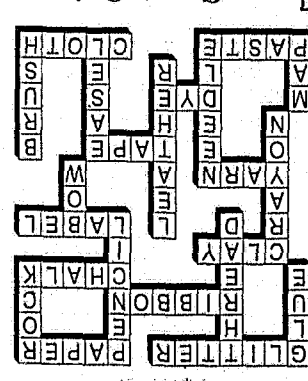
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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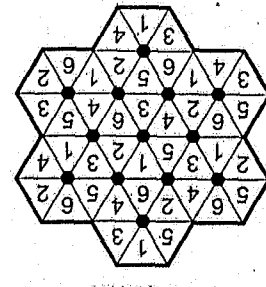


Kids' Maze Solution

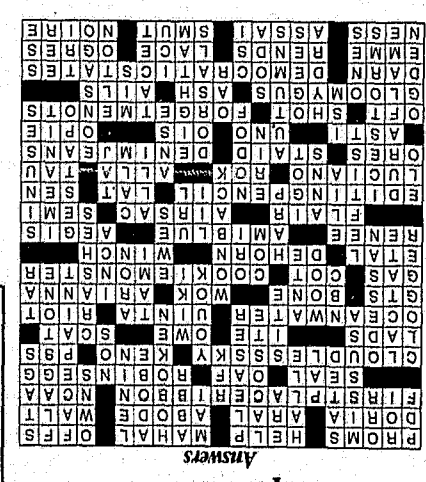
Today's Word
TALKING
1. Distant; 2. Grace; 3. Plain; 4. Kindle.
When somebody says "This sharp," would that be a pointed criticism?



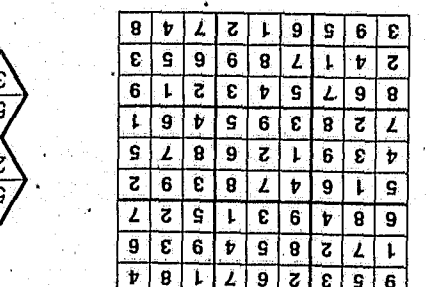
Answer
Puzzles4Kids



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Super Crossword



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Weekly SUDOKU

ANSWERS:

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Camp North Woods to return

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has announced an expanded Camp North Woods is planned for summer 2016.

IFW created Camp North Woods to provide opportunities for youth and their families to learn lifelong outdoor skills as well as the importance of sustaining Maine's natural resources. The camp has also been established to build upon the overwhelming interest by youth who have grown to love the hit TV series on Animal Planet, North Woods Law!

Camp North Woods will again be held at and hosted by the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. Camp staff and instructors will include Maine Game Wardens from North Woods Law, Fish-

eries and Wildlife Biologists, Recreational Safety Coordinators, Information and Education staff as well as staff from Bryant Pond. An all-girls camp will be held July 17-23 and an all-boys camp is planned for July 31-Aug. 6. This year, each week will accommodate 120 campers and will provide hands-on learning opportunities in a number of outdoor related activities in a safe and comfortable environment. Campers will be joined by their parent(s) or guardian(s) for the last day (Saturday) of camp for a family field day.

Because of the limited spaces at Camp North Woods, a chance lottery will be held on May 9. Campers may enter the drawing for a chance to attend Camp North Woods if they will be at least 8 years

of age by July 17 and no older than 12 years of age on Aug. 6. Each child may enter the drawing only once. The entry fee is \$5 and all proceeds will go to support Camp North Woods. Residents and non-residents may apply and winners will be composed of 70 percent Maine residents and 30 percent non-residents.

Interested campers can apply for the online lottery by visiting bit.ly/campnorthwoods. Deadline to apply for the lottery is April 29.

If selected, campers will be responsible for \$400 of the \$625 tuition fee to attend the five day camp.

For more information about Camp North Woods please visit online at bit.ly/campnorthwoods or e-mail Brittany Humphrey at brittany.humphrey@maine.gov.

Communities fight most common childhood chronic disease

The Maine Oral Health Funders (MOHF), a group of foundations that makes grants to support oral health initiatives, has awarded \$244,285 to six community groups working in seven Maine counties to support efforts to improve oral health in children age 0-9.

The goal of this four-year initiative is to reduce children's experience of tooth decay by 10 percent through focused, coordinated efforts demonstrated in these six Maine communities.

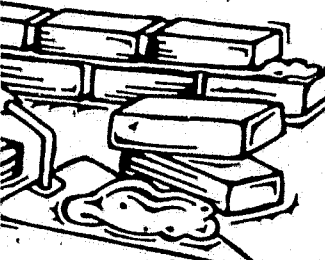
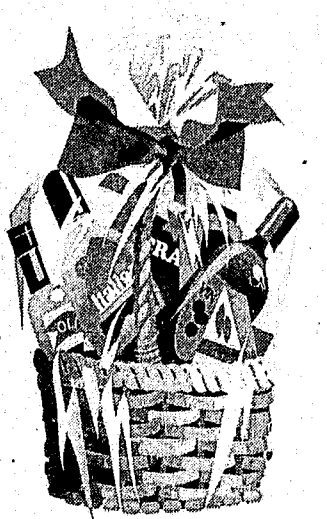
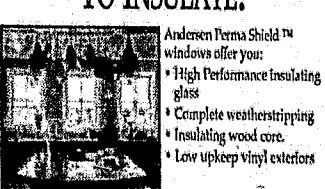
Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood and it is 100 percent preventable. To combat this chronic disease, the recipients of the MOHF awards will engage local networks including schools, the medical community, and child care providers to educate parents and caregivers and link children to dental care. "We know what works to prevent tooth decay," said Barba-

ra Leonard, Vice President for Programs at Maine Health Access Foundation and MOHF member, "and we're committed to helping a group of motivated communities reduce the number of kids that have to cope with this disease."

The six community partnerships are Central Maine Public Health District, Community Dental - Farmington, Fish River Rural Health, Healthy Lakes Healthy Maine Partnership, Lincoln County Dental, and River Valley Healthy Community Coalition.

Patty Duguay, from River Valley Healthy Community Coalition, is pleased to have this opportunity to improve the oral health of children in Rumford and surrounding towns. "Our project has adopted a vision that every child has a right to be cavity-free and we've gathered new and enthusiastic partners to help make that a reality," she said.

Your Guide to Area Services

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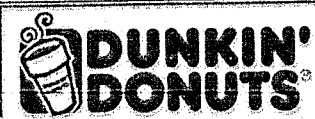
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Obituaries



WILLIAM WURTS WHITE, JR.

William Wurts White, Jr., of Wells, died on Jan. 23, 2016. Bill was born in 1933 in Providence, R.I., the son of William and Lilla (Sammis) White. He graduated from St. Mark's School, Southboro, Mass. and Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Upon graduation, Bill entered the Air Force as an officer and served in Texas, Oklahoma and Japan. He then worked in Providence, R.I. as a reporter with the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin. In 1960, Bill married Beatrice de Blonay and they moved to San Francisco where Bill worked as a personnel officer at Wells Fargo Bank. While living in California their three children were born.

After returning to Rhode Island, Bill became director of development and public relations at Roger Williams College in Bristol. In 1970 he became business manager and director of development for Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. While there he received the Ray J. McDonald, Jr. Distinguished Service Award and in 2012 was inducted into the Hall of Fame. After retiring in 1990, Bill was self-employed as a consultant helping various non-profit local organizations such as the Lakes Environ-

mental Association. Bill loved his family and friends, living in Maine, his home on Moose Pond, tennis, skiing, travel, photography, swimming, boating and ice skating on the lake. Active in the Bridgton community, Bill served as trustee of N.C.M.H. (now the Bridgton Hospital) and in 1978 was co-chair with Beatrice of its capital funds drive which resulted in a new patient wing and reorganized hospital space. In 1980 they established a scholarship fund at Bridgton Academy in their names and they worked together on the town revitalization committee. Bill was treasurer and a trustee of the Sebago Long Lake Chamber Music Festival, chair of the town investment committee, an incorporator of the Norway Savings Bank and Senior Warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Bill was predeceased by his sister, Sarah White Coates.

Bill is survived by his wife, Beatrice; his son, William W. White, III and wife, Nancy, of Hanover; his daughters, Anna White Hanson and husband, Lance, of Hotschkiss, Colo. and Lucy White and husband, Ed Momm of Portsmouth, N.H.; four grandchildren, Evan Rowland Hanson (wife, Nicole), Hadley White Hanson, Acadia Elizabeth Momm-White, and Jackson Edward Momm-White; his sister, Lilla White Woodhouse of Little Compton, RI and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at St. David's Episcopal Church, 138 York Street, Kennebunk. Burial will be held at a later date.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to: St. Peter's Episco-

pal Church, P.O. Box 134, Bridgton, Maine 04009 or Bridgton Academy Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 292, North Bridgton, Maine 04057.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Bill's Book of Memory Page at www.bibberfuneral.com.

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, Maine 04043.



KIMBERLY M. DAY

Kimberly M. Day, 45, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 at the home of her mother, Kathy Westleigh, surrounded by family.

Kim will be remembered for her love for her family and helping anyone out in need. She had a huge heart, and a smile that would make anyone's day. She valued the simple things in life.

She enjoyed being out to camp around the fire pit, going for rides with no destination, and sitting out on the picnic table all hours of the day, people watching. Most of all, she loved being surrounded by family and friends and living life to the fullest.

Kim is survived by her companion, Bruce (Smeg) Cummings; her mother, Kathy Westleigh; her daughters, Kayla, Erica and Cheyanne and their families; her siblings, Donna, Eric, Wanda, and Brenda; grandchildren, who were her pride and joy, Jaylin, Scarlett, and Haven; her nieces, Jennifer, Madisyn, and Mya; and nephews, who she loved like her own; and extended family, Rhonda, Bunk, Darcie and Darren; and many close friends.

There will be a celebration of her life at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Condolences can be expressed to the family by visiting www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Where are they now?



From Telstar High School alumna Kelsie Hanscom: Since graduating from Telstar Regional High School in 2007, I went on to obtain my Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology and my Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Husson University in Bangor. After graduating with my doctorate, I took a leap and went to work in the St. Louis Region for SSM Physical Therapy, a company which has more 40 outpatient physical therapy sites in St. Louis and the Metro East. I have since specialized in vestibular rehabilitation, concussions and women's health therapy. I have been able to create a comprehensive concussion management program for my company as the Concussion Program Manager. I also hosted my first ever continuing education event this summer with SSM Physical Therapy, St. Louis University and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital with over 50 clinicians in attendance including physical therapists, athletic trainers, nurses and a variety of physicians. This event was such a success we will be hosting it annually! I appreciate the opportunities I had at Telstar as well as the teachers pushing me to become my best.

(This photo and information are from the SAD 44 Facebook page.)

Births

Bayley Jean Taylor

Michael and Kayla Taylor of West Bethel are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Bayley Jean Taylor. Bayley was born on Jan. 4, 2016.

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Stan and Jean Sotman of Rumford, Guido and Theresa DeSalle of Rumford and Harry and Rose Taylor of Gilead. Bayley joins her beagle, Shiloh, and four cats.

Age-Friendly Community news

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The WMSC (Senior College) weekly blog is a wonderful source (wmscollege.blogspot.com - you can subscribe for a weekly email alert). Each week it contains information on not only the college's offerings, but also other community opportunities. There are tabs at the top - permanent, but kept fresh with updated information. One of great interest is "Finding Reliable Health Information on the Internet," where you'll find links to a host of websites like cancer.gov and NIH SeniorHealth.

On www.gardenersgrowinghealthycommunities.org you may learn more

about Gardeners Growing Healthy Communities (GGHC), a new, grassroots effort committed to growing, harvesting and distributing fresh garden produce to those with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables. There's also information on an upcoming eight-week gardening course in South Paris.

www.nia.nih.gov will take you to the National Institute on Aging, whose feature reports this issue are on knowing your family's health history, a progress report on Alzheimer's research, and participating in research on healthy aging.

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• Cardio Kickboxing 6pm

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• FitKidz (ages 8-12) 3pm
• Zumba 4:15pm

FRIDAYS:
• Spin 6:15am
• Zumba Gold 11am

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